

Yukon Presbytery Minutes, 1950-1958



STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF YUKON

The stated meeting of the Presbytery of Yukon was called to order in the First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage, Alaska on March 22, 1950, at 8:00 p.m. by the Moderator, B. J. Bingle, who constituted the presbytery with prayer.

The sermon was preached by Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary for the Unit of work in Alaska and Sunday School Missions, for the Board of National Missions, who had been invited to be the devotional speaker for the meetings.

The roll call revealed the following men present:

Victor I. Alfson	J. Hackett Johnson
R. Rolland Armstrong	Fred Koschmann
B. J. Bingle	Fred Telecky
Carl DeMott	Frank Walkup

Absent:

Roy Ahmoagak	Samuel Lee - (excused)
J. Condit - (excused)	J. McBride
Percy Ipalook	E. E. Parker - (excused)

The following churches were represented:

Anchorage, First - by Ed Sudduck  
 Fairbanks, First - by Harry Brandt  
 Woodland Park - by Mr. Bantz  
 Railbelt Church (Curry Branch) - by Mrs. Koehler

Not represented:

Anchorage, Faith	Savoonga
Barrow	Wainwright
Cordova	Wales
Palmer United Protestant	Wasilla
Gambell	College

The Moderator also recognized the presence of C. A. Wood, student at Western Seminary doing interne work as pastor's assistant at First Presbyterian Church in Fairbanks.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman was enrolled as a corresponding member from the presbytery of Jersey City. He brought greetings from Dr. Cram, former missionary to Barrow, and also from Dr. Condit, retired.

Rev. Armstrong made a motion which carried, that the stated clerk be instructed to send appropriate greetings to Col. J. McBride, the founder of First Church, where presbytery was meeting.

The presbytery was recessed to meet at 8:45 a.m., March 23. Rev. R. R. Armstrong, newly appointed field representative for Alaska, led in prayer.

THURSDAY, March 23, 1950

The presbytery was called to order by Moderator Bingle, and Fred Telecky led in morning devotions, basing his thoughts on Deut. 4:22.

Roll call revealed the following present:

Victor I. Alfson	Carl DeMott	Fred Telecky
R. R. Armstrong	J. Hackett Johnson	Frank Walkup
B. J. Bingle	Fred Koschmann	

The following churches were represented:

Fairbanks, First      Railbelt (Curry Branch)

Chairman Johnson of the Committee on Arrangements reported that the docket was self-explanatory as far as entertainment of presbytery was concerned.

Fred Koschmann was unanimously elected moderator for the coming year.

The minutes of the January, 1950 meeting were read and approved.

The docket was presented, corrected, and approved as corrected.

The moderator appointed Mr. Brandt vice-moderator, and Fred Telecky temporary clerk.

Reports of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer follow:

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

1. Our minutes were approved by Synod July 13, 1949.



2. Rev. Champlin was dismissed to Rio Grande Presbytery 10/10/49.  
Rev. Walkup was received from Minneapolis Presbytery 2/20/50.  
Rev. Telecky was received from Alaska Presbytery 3/22/50.

3. New churches organized during the year:  
Railbelt (branches at Curry and Healy)  
Woodland Park  
College

4. Complete roll as of 3/22/50.

Ministers:	Churches:
1. Roy Ahmaogak	1. Alaska Railbelt
2. Victor Alfson	2. Anchorage, Faith
3. R. R. Armstrong	3. Anchorage, First
4. B. J. Bingle	4. Barrow
5. J. Condit	5. College, University Community
6. Carl DeMott	6. Cordova
7. Percy Ipalook	7. Fairbanks, First
8. J. Hackett Johnson	8. Palmer, United Protestant
9. Fred Koschmann	9. Spenard, Woodland Park
10. Samuel Lee	10. St. Lawrence, Gambell
11. J. McBride	11. St. Lawrence, Savoonga
12. E. E. Parker	12. Wainwright, Olgonik
13. Fred Telecky	13. Wales, Thurnton Memorial
14. Frank J. Walkup	14. Wasilla, Community

Licentiate: Andrew Akootchoak

Candidates: 6

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance January 1, 1950	\$293.47	
Receipts	515.00	
		\$808.47
Total expenditures		401.07
Balance March 23, 1950		\$407.40

The reports were accepted as given.

The moderator relinquished his chair to the vice-moderator in order to give the National Missions report, which follows:

Barter Island: Andrew Akootchoak reported that he was carrying on work for the Eskimos of the island, and also contacting a few of the military personnel. A chapel was needed as the missionary's home was proving unsuitable as a meeting place.

Wainwright: Roy Ahmaogak reported signs of new spiritual life and a greater dependence upon the providence of God for the physical necessities of life.

Gambell: Parker's report showed that his deeply spiritual ministry is bearing rich fruit by way of large attendance and new members. Only three adults are non-Christians. Rev. Parker, having gone to the U. S. to attend General Assembly and not returning to the field, had left the work in the hands of Clarence Irragoo, a devoted layman.

Savoonga: Alice Green reported completion of the church and encouraging response to services.

(Dr. Jackman was excused to keep an appointment at Fort Richardson, and the National Missions report was arrested.)

The docket was set aside and Rev. Bingle, chairman of the special committee on the revision of the by-laws, opened the discussion on this important topic. It was decided to have the present by-laws mimeographed and distributed so as to make possible more intelligent discussion of the matter.

A motion was made and seconded that the rotary system for elder representatives to General Assembly be adopted. The vote on the motion was tabled, pending further discussion.

The presbytery recessed. Rev. DeMott closed with prayer.

The presbytery and presbyterial joined for the morning Bible Study Hour led by v. Koschmann. His subject was the first chapter of Titus.



Following lunch, presbytery reconvened at 1:30 p.m. Bingle led in a short devotional service of prayer and praise.

Roll call revealed the following present:

Members:

Armstrong  
Telecky  
DeMott  
Koschmann  
Alfson  
Johnson  
Bingle  
Walkup

Churches:

Fairbanks, First  
Railbelt

Elder Mrs. Peter Nelson of Wasilla Community Church arrived and was enrolled;

The following standing committees were appointed:

Sessional records - Telecky, Mrs. Koehler  
Auditing - Bingle, Sudduck  
Resolutions - DeMott and Bantz  
Bills and Overtures - Walkup and Nelson  
Leave of Absence - Alfson  
Nominations - Armstrong, Johnson, Brandt

The National Missions report was continued:

Wales: Ipalook reports that food is scarce, hunting is poor, population dwindling. Ill health in the family and the need of more adequate schooling has made it imperative to move them to Kotzebue.

Railbelt Church: Curry Branch: Mrs. Koehler reported on a healthy growth of the work with a good response both in attendance and in giving. The church now has a membership of twelve in its one year of existence.

Barrow: In his report to Presbytery by letter, Rev. Lee stated that wages are high and work plentiful among the eskimos. A search has begun for an Eskimo ministerial candidate, but no success has been achieved as yet. Church attendance has held up both for morning and evening services, as well as prayer meeting. The net gain of members for the year is 16.

Wood, C. A.: Mr. Wood reported that he had held services at an Army camp at Barrow and one at Umiat. He also aided Bingle on the railroad and highway. In addition to these activities, he served as a pastor's assistant at First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks. Rev. Koschmann and Elder Brandt expressed words of appreciation for Mr. Woods fine work at First Church.

Woodland Park, Spenard: Rev. Johnson reported that many improvements have been completed on the church building. Partitions had been erected, separating the sanctuary from the Sunday School. A quonset hut had been added. In addition to regular benevolence giving, Rev. Johnson reported that \$112 was raised for Rev. Bingle's work at Tok. The report was optimistic, and full of hopes and plans for the future. Rev. Johnson was commended for his fine work. The Sunday School on Government Hill is depleting, the report continued. Improvements were added to the building there.

Faith Presbyterian, Anchorage: Rev. Telecky reported an average attendance of 20 during his two months on the field. Plans for a new building were postponed by the congregation for the year, with activity resolving into a membership and building fund drive.

The meeting was recessed at 3:30 with prayer by Koschmann. Presbytery and Presbyterial gathered together for tea and fellowship, followed by slides shown by Mr. Wood of mission work at Ganado.

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Presbytery reconvened with prayer by Telecky. The National Missions report was continued:

Hiway and Railbelt Work: Rev. Bingle reported that Tanacross and Tok attendance remained stable, with a cooperative spirit in evidence among respective congregations. Northway Sunday School was responding. At Healy the people were responding with an attendance of 23 not unusual. Services were continuing at McKinley Park. Rev. Bingle warned that work at the college and work along the highway must be separated. The geographical magnitude of the field makes it impossible for one man to adequately cover it. Bingle also reported that contributions for his work totaled \$1233, while expenses were \$1734. The Board of National Missions made up the difference.



Palmer and Wasilla: Rev. Alfson reported the United Protestant Church to be heavily in debt due to the expense of building a basement under the church. No heat makes the basement unusable so far. Seven members were gained and seven lost for the year. Signs of hope and optimism were expressed, in that visitation was increasing on the part of lay workers and the pastor.

At Wasilla a concrete basement was built for \$1300. The congregation at present worships in the community hall. A communicants class was reported to be established.

Fairbanks: Rev. Koschmann reported that plans are in progress for building a manse in the next year. Due to good attendance, a larger sanctuary is needed. The church's annual report was submitted and placed in the file. Elder Brandt reported approximately 75 persons are active in positions of leadership in the total program of the church. Appreciation was expressed for the new pastor.

Anchorage First: Rev. Armstrong cited Rev. Walkup as a capable leader to fill the pastorate at First Church.

Cordova: Better cooperation among the people was reported by Rev. DeMott. Attendance at services shows an increase. A Junior Choir is now established.

University of Alaska; Dean of Men Brandt reported the organization of the Student Christian Association upon the campus - a group pledged to emphasize the religious welfare of the students. Baccalaureate services are to be inaugurated this year.

The meeting was recessed. Rev. Johnson led in prayer.

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In the evening, beginning at 8:00, Alfson conducted a singspiration, followed by an inspiring message by Dr. J. Earl Jackman. His subject was "Wrestling with God."

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FRIDAY, March 24, 1950

The meeting was called to order by the moderator. Walkup led the devotional service, speaking on the "Feeding of the Five-Thousand" as recorded in Matthew 15.

The roll was called:

Members present:

R. R. Armstrong  
Fred Telecky  
Carl DeMott  
Fred Koschmann  
Victor I. Alfson  
J. Hackett Johnson  
B. J. Bingle  
Frank J. Walkup

Churches represented:

Fairbanks, First  
Anchorage, Faith  
Wasilla  
Woodland Park

Mrs. N. Polenska, presbyterial delegate from the College church, was invited to speak to the presbytery and reported that work at College was progressing. Rev. Bingle's home is the center of practically all civic, social, and religious activities for the community. A Junior Choir is organized. A basement is under construction. Bingle then submitted the treasurer's report for the College Church which was placed on file.

The history of the Wasilla Community church was related by Mrs. Nelson. Rev. Alfson's work was commended.

The motion was carried to set aside the docket, and let the National Missions report be continued.

Dr. Jackman reported that the budget of National Missions was reduced by \$240,000 for 1950. Alaska budget was cut by \$4000. \$500 was allocated by the Board for work in Alaska.

The Board is changing its entire insurance program and would henceforth function as its own insurer. It is further the plan of the Board to see that there is a reliable fire extinguisher in every church and manse.

The tentative duties of the newly appointed field representative were outlined by Dr. Jackman, who stated that these duties would be finally acted upon by the Board, and copies made available for presbytery's records.

Elder Murray Olson of Faith Presbyterian was recognized and enrolled.



The National Missions report was placed first in the order of business for the afternoon.

The Committee on Sessional Records was instructed to set up a permanent system for reviewing all session books in the Presbytery.

The meeting was adjourned until 2:00 p.m., and Mr. Wood closed with prayer.

Presbyterial and Presbytery joined for study at Faith Church, and were led in a study of the second chapter of Titus by Carl DeMott. Lunch was served at Faith Presbyterian Church.

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The afternoon session was called to order by the moderator and opened with prayer and praise under the leadership of Rev. Armstrong.

The roll was called:

Members present:

R. R. Armstrong  
Fred Telecky  
Carl DeMott  
Fred Koschmann  
Victor Alfseu  
J. Hackett Johnson  
B. J. Bingle  
Frank J. Walkup

Churches represented:

Fairbanks, First  
Woodland Park

The National Missions Report was continued; and chairman Koschmann presented the following recommendations:

1. That Presbytery recommend to the Board of National Missions that a building be procured for use as a chapel at Barter from the Army or other government agency if possible, for use by government personnel and natives.
2. That Presbytery commend Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Parker for their work on St. Lawrence and that the stated clerk be directed to write them in this regard.
3. That the Stated clerk be instructed to write Clarence Irogo, stating the problem in regard to getting an ordained minister for the island, and asking him to act as leader until such a man is found. And, further, that Dr. Jackman be asked to take the letter to him, presenting it with due ceremony, before the congregation.
4. We recommend that Dr. Jackman and Rev. Armstrong be asked to investigate the proposed trade of our work at Wales with the Mission Covenant work at Yakutat, and report back to Presbytery.
5. That the Stated Clerk be instructed to write the adjutant of the Alaska National Guard in Juneau giving him Presbytery's recommendation of Rev. Percy Ipalook for a commission as chaplain.
6. That the Stated Clerk be instructed to write the Barrow congregation commending them for accepting an increasingly large part in the support of the local church.
7. That the Stated Clerk be instructed to write Mr. C. A. Wood, commending him for his work in Fairbanks, the railbelt, the Alaska Highway, and in the Navy-Arctic Exploration camps, and also send his seminary, the Board and his mother a copy.
8. That presbytery recommend to the Board of National Missions that they purchase the house, presently owned by Rev. Armstrong for a manse for the Woodland Park Church, and that the deed to the property be in the name of Presbytery of Yukon.
9. That we highly commend Rev. Bert Bingle for the excellent work he had done in many parts of the presbytery, and congratulate him on the completion of 25 years of service with the Board of National Missions in Alaska.
10. That due to the fact that the machinery of the Board is often too slow for Presbytery to take advantage of opportunities that arise, and because of the seeming inability of the Board to give adequate financial aid to the presbytery, and the necessity to protect property belonging to the presbytery by insurance, presbytery establish an "Emergency Fund" to be used for necessary presbytery expenses in relation to the purchase, insuring, and repair of property. This fund shall be separate from other presbytery funds, and shall not be used for current expenses. It shall be raised by asking each church to pay yearly into the fund an amount equal to 10% of their benevolence budget, which shall be given over and above their benevolence budget to the Boards of the church, or more, and by special gifts from



individuals or churches. The immediate goal of the fund shall be \$2000. This fund shall be raised and administered by the trustees of Presbytery upon recommendation of the National Missions Committee, and providing they shall not incur indebtedness greater than \$1000, nor for more than that amount per year on contracts, that shall not run more than three years, provided that if, in any calendar year, there shall be money in the fund over and above that year's balance, it may be spent, and also that these funds shall not be used for any property which does not, or will not upon their purchase, belong to Presbytery.

11. Recommend that Government Hill and Railroad, and College, and Hi-way be set up as three separate fields as soon as possible.

12. Recommend aid to College Church, enough to finish building, approximately \$1500.

13. Recommend that Presbytery commend the Board for their plans set up for the relationship between the field representative and the board, and the presbyteries in Alaska.

14. Recommend that letters of thanks be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Johnson Oakledge, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y., for a \$10,000 gift for Savoonga, and to Dr. Arthur L. Miller, Montview Blvd, Church, Denver, Colorado for \$10,000 for Barrow.

National Missions recommendations were arrested, and recess was called. Walkup led in prayer.

The report of the United Promotion committee was given:

In reply to the request for a Benevolence budget goal from each white church in the presbytery, a splendid response has been obtained. The following quotas have been adopted:

Anchorage, First	\$5619.50
Anchorage, Faith	140.00
Woodland Park	155.00
Curry	40.00
Palmer	1000.00
Fairbanks	1500.00
Healy	15.00
College	25.00
One native church-Barrow	500.00
Total budget	\$8994.50

The response from the churches has been prompt and quite generous.

The picture "Now is the Time" has been shown in all of these communities and was found very helpful.

RECOMMENDATION: That the presbytery suggest to the General Assembly that the Native churches in this presbytery be excluded from the list of those who are given suggested Benevolence budget goals.

Sincerely,

Carl DeMott, Chairman, United Promotions Comm.

The United Promotions report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

Foreign Missions Committee Report: Johnson reported on conditions of the church in foreign fields, especially emphasizing the urgent need for missionaries in Iraq, Iran, and Japan. The presbytery was counselled to remember mission stations in prayer. The report was accepted as given.

Christian Education Committee Report: The scholarship standing of Miss Virginia Carlo was submitted. Letters were read from the following persons under care of presbytery: Shirley Tonseth, Wm. Ware, Raymond Rees, Vic Urban. Rev. Alfsen reported that Duane Huntley, under care of presbytery for 2 years, is home again, and his schooling has been very spasmodic. The case was referred to the Christian Education committee for study and recommendations for action.

It was recommended, and carried, that Wm. Kissell, of Nyack Bible School be appointed by the Board as a lay worker for Alaska, if the Board deems it advisable.

The Committee on Christian Education made the following recommendations:

1. That Presbytery definitely assign the active supervision of the King's Lake Camps to the Christian Education Committee.

2. That the churches of Presbytery be urged to make the fullest use of materials published by the Board.

3. That Presbytery encourage the churches to take cognizance of Seminary



Sunday, Christian College Sunday, and other designated days.

4. That each Session or Committee of Christian Education in the local church re-examine its Christian Education program and see if it can be made more effective.

5. That each church or presbytery annually provide a leadership training school and make the fullest possible use of it.

6. That all ministers and teachers be on the alert to recruit young people to full-time Christian service.

7. That each church be urged to emphasize Christian Stewardship.

8. That the chairman of Christian Education be instructed to write each of the young people under care of presbytery, congratulating those who are showing good progress and awaking others to their responsibility to God in their call, and to the presbytery.

The recommendations were adopted, and the report accepted.

Delegate to Synod: Koschmann was nominated and elected on unanimous ballot to serve as commissioner to Synod. By action of the Presbytery the moderator and Stated Clerk were empowered to select an alternate if necessary.

Bills and Overtures: Rev. Walkup, chairman of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, presented a concise and lucid summary of the overtures before the presbytery. The following action was taken: Overtures A through L were all passed in the affirmative. The Overture of Phoenix Presbytery requesting "the insertion of the Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith in the Constitution of the Church" was passed in the negative.

Resolutions committee submitted the following report which was accepted:

We, the members of the Yukon Presbytery, wish to express our sincere appreciation to the following:

1. To Rev. and Mrs. Frank J. Walkup and the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage, Alaska, for their hospitality in opening their church and homes to the members of the presbytery; and for the wonderful meals we have enjoyed each day.

2. To Faith Presbyterian Church and it's pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Telecky for opening their church and homes to the presbytery, and for the splendid meal furnished Friday noon, and assisting with the meals at the First Church.

3. Also to Rev. and Mrs. Hackett Johnson and the members of Woodland Presbyterian Church who have also made us welcome in their church and homes, and for the enjoyable meal furnished Saturday noon. Also for their assistance with the meals served at First Church.

4. And also to Dr. J. Earl Jackman for his splendid nightly messages, and helpful information and wise suggestions.

5. To the Reverends Hackett Johnson and Fred Telecky for their labors in preparing for the presbytery sessions.

6. To the Anchorage Daily papers for carrying the announcement of our meetings in their columns.

Submitted during the sessions of the Stated meeting of presbytery held March 22-26, 1950 at Anchorage Alaska. Carl DeMott, Chairman, Resolutions Committee

The presbytery recessed until 9:15 p.m.

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At the evening service at 8:00 p.m. Bingle was presented with a 25-year service pin and certificate in the name of the Board by Dr. Jackman. A certificate and pin was also given to Mrs. Bingle.

The presbytery was called to order by the moderator and recessed for a corporation meeting.

#### MINUTES OF THE CORPORATION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF YUKON

The meeting was called to order by roll call:

Members present: Koschmann, Alfson, DeMott, Walkup, Armstrong, Bingle.



Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

Old Business: The by-laws had been circulated in the presbytery, and had been signed by all ministers.

A lease had been granted by the Alaska Railroad for a lot on Government Hill. The rest of \$24 per year had been paid for 1949.

The quonset huts on this lot, it was reported, are not to be used for any purpose except religious.

New Business: Rev. Bingle recommended that Rev. Armstrong contact the Alaska Railroad regarding quonset huts at Healy. Rev. Armstrong agreed to do so.

A motion was made and seconded that property be purchased for \$600 in the name of the corporation for Woodland Park. Carried.

The trustees of the corporation were reminded that they were to handle the special fund for repairs and grants.

It was moved and seconded that Rev. Armstrong investigate the property at Mountain View, and that the trustees be given power to act on this in the way they see fit. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that Rev. Koschmann be elected moderator by unanimous ballot.

A motion was made and seconded that the corporation meeting adjourn. Carried.

The presbytery was reconvened by the moderator.

Committee on Nominations: Members of the Christian Education Committee were named. They are Bingle, Telecky, and Brandt. On United Promotions are Walkup, Mrs. Neil Miller, and Sam Lee. It was carried that these men be accepted as named.

The Auditing Committee reported on having examined the treasurer's books and found them in order.

The Committee on Pensions reports that all is in order. All churches and all ministers are paid up to date. The report was accepted as read.

Place of Meeting: Sam Lee invited Presbytery and Presbyterial to hold their 1951 spring meetings at Barrow. The motion was carried that a letter be written declining the invitation, but expressing appreciation for the offer.

The moderator and stated clerk were given authority to determine next year's place of meeting.

Rev. Bingle moved that the present committee on by-laws be dropped, and that a new committee be appointed to study the matter and to mimeograph copies of the revised by-laws, and submit them to the members of presbytery for consideration at a fall meeting. The motion was seconded as passed. The moderator appointed Walkup, Alfson, and Bingle.

Appointment for lay delegates to General Assembly was taken under consideration. It was recommended and carried that churches be listed alphabetically, alternating Eskimo and white churches as far as possible, and placing newly-organized churches at the end of the list. Thereafter, the churches are to follow their established order.

Presbytery recessed and was closed by prayer by Walkup.

SATURDAY March 25, 1950

The presbytery was called to order by the moderator. Rev. Johnson led in Devotions.

Roll was called. Those present were:

R. R. Armstrong	Victor I. Alfson
Fred Telecky	Hackett Johnson
Carl DeMott	B. J. Bingle
Fred Koschmann	Frank J. Walkup

Churches represented:

Anchorage, Faith	Wasilla
Fairbanks, First	Woodland Park



The minutes of the previous day were read, corrected, and accepted as corrected.

The moderator declared a five-minute recess for purposes of preparation for afternoon and evening installation services.

Recommendations of the Committee on National Missions were continued:

15. That missionaries with contracts with the Board of National Missions be known as Missionary Pastors. They shall be accepted into presbytery with full standing, and introduced in the church or churches they serve by a service which substitutes the words Missionary Pastor for pastor in the usual installation service. The responsibilities and regulations covered in the term "stated supply", shall apply to them.

16. That all properties in the presbytery being used by groups not organized as congregations be deeded to presbytery, and that this shall apply also to all such properties acquired in the future.

The Presbytery of Yukon, in Stated Meeting at Anchorage, March 25, 1950.

The National Missions report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

The Trustees of the Corporation were authorized to request the Board for title of the Bonnell property at College, and further, that the presbytery corporation give Gettinger a warranty deed for the property.

Dr. Jackman reported that Evelyn Rankin of Duluth, Minnesota, was willing to accept the interim supply at Savoonga during Alice Green's one year vacation term.

The committee on Revision was instructed to substitute the term "return to Alaska" in place of "return to Presbytery" in the by-laws.

Rev. Armstrong was instructed to investigate the question of organizing churches in the Arctic, with Lee and Dr. Jackman. Further, the Committee On National Missions was given authority to take appropriate action in line with their recommendations.

Dr. Jackman reported that the Princeton Seminary choir will tour Alaska this summer. It was moved and seconded that Armstrong set up itinerary for the choir in cooperation with pastors. Carried.

A motion was made and seconded that presbytery express appreciation to Mrs. Merle Crowell for her splendid gift to presbytery, and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to write Mrs. Crowell a letter to that effect, and also present her with an Alaska table cloth. Motion carried.

An invitation was extended to hold presbytery at College next year.

#### SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT:

First Presbyterian Church, Anchorage: Roll call was not recorded at some meetings. In one or two cases no mention is made of prayer opening or closing the meetings. The minutes are orderly and systematically kept.

First Presbyterian, Fairbanks: The minutes appeared to be in excellent order.

Cordova, First: All in order:

Faith: All in order, typographical errors.

Woodland Park: Reports to annual meeting should be copied into the record. Otherwise, all in order.

Palmer: One meeting didn't close with prayer. Orderly.

Curry: A running commentary of Sunday services and church events. It is a human interest account.

The moderator declared recess. Alfsen led in prayer.

Presbytery reconvened with Presbyterial in a joint meeting held at Woodland Park church. Presbyterial reported on its work, and submitted its minutes.

The morning bible study was conducted by Walkup in the third chapter of Titus. The meeting closed with prayer by Walkup. Presbytery recessed to meet the next day, Sunday, at 3:30 p.m. at Faith Church.



SUNDAY, March 26, 1950

Presbytery convened at 3:30 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church, and proceeded to the installation of Fred Telecky as missionary pastor of the church. (Complete program of installation placed on file.)

Following the evening meal, the moderator called the meeting to order in the lounge of the First Presbyterian Church. Johnson led in prayer.

Roll call was dispensed with.

The Committee on Sessional Records was instructed to draw up a guide for keeping of session records, and submit same to all churches.

New Business:

Faith Church: is to improve building and sink a well.

Woodland Park: Sunday School is growing, in need of room. Title to property in hands of presbytery. The plans call for building a church and basement. Presbytery made a recommendation to the Board that a \$5000 grant, a \$2500 loan at 2%, and a \$2500 special loan be granted to the presbytery for Woodland Park church. Rev. Johnson was authorized to inquire into the possibility of a local loan for \$2500. Carried.

A motion was carried to dispose of our lot in Nenana.

The National Missions Committee was authorized to send someone to Whittier to investigate religious needs.

It was moved that we recommend to the Home Missions Council the possibility of Baptist work in Valdez, in view of Baptist work being initiated in Cordova. Carried.

Recess was called by the moderator.

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Presbytery convened at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, and proceeded to the installation of Frank J. Walkup as pastor of the church. (Complete program of installation placed on file.)

Following the service, the meeting was called to order by the moderator. Rev. Armstrong led in prayer. Roll was called:

Members present:

Armstrong	Alfsen
Telecky	Johnson
DeMott	Bingle
Koschmann	Walkup

Churches represented: Wasilla

It was decided to have Koschmann remain and consummate deal for lots and building in Mountain View.

Rev. Armstrong submitted the following resolutions for Home Missions Congress:

1. We urge all churches and welfare agencies to unite in a determined effort to lead every community to exercise its privilege of referendum and eliminate the traffic; and
2. We urge the Alaska Legislature to pass legislation which will provide for more rigid control of the sale and use of liquor and the elimination of excessive profit on the wholesale level of distribution.

It was moved and seconded that this action be read before every congregation and urge people to act upon it and submit it to legislature in session. Carried.

It was decided to request the Department of Justice to enforce law. Follow above procedure, and send to Attorney General of the United States.

It was decided to send a request to Governor Gruening, asking him to review powers of the highway patrol as to law enforcement of liquor laws.

It was decided to send letters to the judges in this area, with the idea of morally undergirding them in their work of up holding the law.

It was decided that a complimentary letter be sent to Judge Folta.

Rev. Armstrong was requested to take care of the above matters in connection with the Home Missions Congress.



A resolution was made that Mrs. C. C. Gorsuch be extended a letter of thanks for her helpful and wholehearted support of presbytery requests.

A motion was made and seconded that the clerk be paid \$30 per year.

Jackman commended the presbytery on self-support.

The minutes of the spring meeting will be published and sent to all delegates, and if not corrected in 60 days, they will be approved as published.

A motion was made that when the meeting adjourned, it meet at the call of the moderator. Carried.

Members of presbytery knelt in prayer and many joined in intercession for our faithful workers on the Arctic coast and for the work of the presbytery in general.

The moderator then adjourned the meeting.



Letter sent to:

Mr. Koschmann } Yukon Pby.  
Mr. Alfson }

Mr. Prouty } Alaska Pby.  
Mr. Soboleff }

*Yukon Pby Cor Jdr*

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

August 31, 1950

To the Moderator and Stated Clerk  
of the Presbyteries of Yukon and Alaska

Dear Brethren:

It seems to be finally decided that the Moderator of the General Assembly will reserve the two weeks following Easter for his visit to Alaska. He feels that will be the time of a general letdown in the work of the church in the States and particularly in his own congregation that would give him the greatest opportunity for a longer period of time to visit Alaska.

We are writing to suggest that the meetings of the two presbyteries in Alaska be held during these two weeks. If possible, one could be held the week following Easter and the other one the first week of April. This would give some time for the Moderator to visit some of the local men before and in between. Depending upon our international situation at the time, it might be possible to get him some transportation with the Air Force so that a larger number of places could be covered in a minimum amount of time.

We would ask the officers of the two presbyteries to have conferences on this matter as early as possible. Alaska Presbytery will be meeting in October and can take some action on it. We hope it will be possible before the end of October to have the schedule fairly definite.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary  
Department of Work in Alaska

JES:AO  
cc: Mr. Armstrong



## Chapter I Rules of Order

Presbytery will be governed in its proceedings by the "General rules for Judicatories" in use by the General Assembly.

*Yukon Presbytery.*  
*adopted March 31, 1951*  
*Except Ch XV in vacant churches*

## Chapter II Meetings

Presbytery will hold one stated meeting each year, convening as early in the calendar year as possible. The moderator and the stated Clerk will fix the date and place of meeting.

## Chapter III Worship

Meetings of Presbytery shall be constituted with prayer. A service of worship, including a sermon, shall be held, if convenient, with the local congregation.

## Chapter IV Membership

A. Ministers of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., transferring by regular order from other Presbyteries; 1. when certificates of dismission of Presbyterian Ministers coming for definite service within the bounds of Presbytery, indorsed by the Board of National Missions, are in the hands of the Stated Clerk, their names may be added to the roll. All ministers in charge of organized Churches are to be considered as pastor with all appropriate authority as such; but if possible they shall be installed. 2. All ministers ordained by Presbytery. 2. Ministers coming from other denominational bodies shall be admitted to this Presbytery only upon receipt of their credentials and after examination by Presbytery as to their faith and fitness for the sacred office. For certain other requirements regarding candidates or applicants from other bodies or Churches, see the Presbyterian Digest, 1930, Vol. I, pp. 174, 175, par 11.

B. One ruling Elder of each Church of the Presbytery who shall be regularly elected as delegate for the specific meeting by his session.

## Chapter V Officers

1. Moderator, who shall be elected annually at the stated meetings.
2. Stated clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of three years dated from the stated meeting of the year 1949.
3. Reporting clerk. The host of Presbytery of the specific meeting shall be elected to this office.

## Chapter VI Duties of Officers

1. The Moderator shall perform the duties of his office as provided in the "Form of Government" and the "General Rules for Judicatories."
2. The Stated Clerk shall at each stated meeting furnish a complete roll of Presbytery, indicating ministers present and absent, Churches represented and unrepresented, together with the names of Elders duly accredited, and a list of candidates under care of Presbytery; also he shall furnish for reference a copy of the latest edition of the Constitution and Form of Government of the Church and the approved digest, and the minutes of the last preceding General Assembly, and Synod; also he shall furnish a docket for business; he shall notify each ministerial member, and session of each Church and candidates, at least a month previously if possible, of the time and place of meeting. He shall make a careful record of the minutes of Presbytery; he shall prepare an annual statistical report in the month of April and forward the same to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly; he shall be the custodian of all records and documents of Presbytery. As the Treasurer he shall present at each meeting an itemized account of all moneys received and disbursed; he shall furnish official news items for publication in the Church papers. His compensation shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00) per annum.
3. The reporting clerk shall prepare and submit appropriate news items of interest for the local newspapers.

## Chapter VII Committees

The committees shall be designated as special, standing, and permanent.

1. SPECIAL COMMITTEES may be appointed at the will of Presbytery. The reception of their report discharges them.
2. STANDING COMMITTEES are created to serve at the stated meetings by the Moderator's appointment, unless otherwise specified, and are as follows:
  - (1) Arrangements. It shall be the pastor at the session of the entertaining Church, together with the Stated Clerk. It shall report at the opening of Presbytery indicating hours of meeting, and times and leaders for devotional and popular meetings.
  - (2) Minutes of General Assembly - by commissioners.
  - (3) Minutes of Synod - by commissioners.
  - (4) Leave of absence. Committee consists of officers of Presbytery.



- (5) Nomination and revision of permanent committees.
- (6) Judicial business.
- (7) Sessional records.
- (8) Finance. It shall recommend expenditures of Presbytery, the rate of per capita tax, and audit the treasures books and report.
- (9) Resolutions.

Each of the standing committees shall consist of one minister and one Elder.

3. PERMANENT COMMITTEES shall be elected by Presbytery for a term of three years, dated from the stated meeting of the year 1951 and are as follows:

- (1) United promotion. Two ministers and one Elder.
- (2) National Missions. Two ministers and one elder.
- (3) Foreign Missions. Two ministers and one elder.
- (4) Christian Education. Two ministers and one elder.
- (5) Pensions. One minister and one elder.
- (6) Examination of candidates. Two ministers.
- (7) Bills and overtures. One minister and one elder.

Note: Permanent committees shall be elected so as to be able to have meetings during the year by electing an elder from the same Church as the Chairman.

#### Chapter VIII Duties of Permanent Committees

1. All permanent committees shall report at the stated meetings.
2. Each permanent committee is expected to familiarize itself with the general work of the church in the department indicated, and endeavor to relate and promote that work in the Presbytery, and present a summary in its report.

#### Chapter IX Attendance Upon Presbytery

1. All members are required to be present at each stated meeting or furnish reason in writing for non-attendance.
2. Each church session is required to be represented at each stated meeting or furnish reasons for non-representation.
3. Candidates and licentiates are required to attend all stated meetings or report by letter.
4. Each member of Presbytery shall report on his activities each year. If working without the bounds of Presbytery, he must request and obtain permission to do so each year.

#### Chapter X Commissioners

The special committee of the Presbytery on the revision of rules recommend the following:

The election of ministerial commissioners to General Assembly or Synod shall be according to the rotary system, and only those members are eligible for election who are regularly engaged in full time ministerial service. In no case shall a minister be elected delegate to the above offices unless he returns to the Territory of Alaska for permanent work. In case a minister breaks the above rule by not returning to Alaska, except for reasons sufficient to the Presbytery, a letter of dismissal from the Presbytery will not be granted until such delegate makes refund to the office of General Assembly for (2/3) of expense allowed.

The election of Elder commissioners to the General Assembly or Synod shall be according to the rotary system, as it would apply to the churches, rather than to individuals. In no case shall an elder be elected as commissioner who does not intend to return to the parish he represents within four months and for permanent residency.

#### Chapter XI Elections

All elections shall be by ballot.

#### Chapter XII Quorum

Three ministers and one elder shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Presbytery.

#### Chapter XIII

These standing rules may be amended by a majority vote of the Presbytery.



## Chapter XV Vacant Churches

1. The churches of Presbytery have agreed that whenever a pulpit becomes vacant, the church will counsel with the Committee of Ministerial Relations of the Presbytery of Yukon and the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. at 156 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. as to the person available as pastor or stated supply. Presbytery will not approve a call without the approval of the congregation, the Ministerial Relations Committee, and the Board of National Missions.
2. That the Board of National Missions of New York, N.Y. contact the vacant church relative to the new pastor, as well as the Presbytery's Committee on National Missions, before making committal to a ~~respective~~ candidate.
3. The Ministerial Relations Committee in Yukon Presbytery shall be the National Missions Committee.

## Chapter XVI Proposed changes within the bonds of Presbytery as to work, field, property, or personnel

Any changes that the Board of National Missions might contemplate that comes within the bounds of the Presbytery of Yukon as to any or all of the above subjects shall first be submitted to the National Missions committee of Presbytery for approval.

## Chapter XVII Service Pension Plan

1. In the call of a pastor there shall always be provisions for dues payments into the Service Pension Plan.
2. Any agreement of the Presbytery to establish a Stated Supply relationship with a church shall include provision for membership and dues payments into the Service Pension Plan.
3. The installation of a pastor, or the establishment of a Stated Supply relationship, in the bounds of the Yukon Presbytery shall not take place until dues payments on the account of the preceeding pastor or stated supply shall have been paid in full.
4. All churches of the Yukon Presbytery shall be requested to consider membership in the Service Pension Plan as continuous. Payment of 8% dues shall continue during the vacancy of the pulpit, or service by a non-participating minister.
5. In case of delinquency in dues payments by any church of the Yukon Presbytery that church shall report to the chairman of the Pension Committee stating the amount in arrears and giving plans for payment.
6. Each ~~respective~~ church of the Presbytery be requested to pay the minister's 3% dues at the same time it forwards its portion (8%), that the total dues received at Pension headquarters be from the same source.

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## Chapter XIII Amendments

These standing rules may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present at any stated meeting, provided that one day's notice of the proposed amendment be given. These rules may be suspended at any time by two-thirds vote of the members present.

## Chapter XIV Reading of the Standing Rules

The standing rules of the Presbytery of Yukon shall be read at the opening session of each stated meeting.



JUL 16 1951

The stated meeting of the Presbytery of Yukon was called to order in the United Protestant Church of Palmer, Alaska, on March 29, 1951 at 8:00 p.m. by the moderator Fred Koschmann. Rev. Frank Walkup of Anchorage First Church constituted the presbytery with prayer.

The congregation joined in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" after which Fred Telecky of Anchorage Faith Church read from the fifth chapter of First Thesalonians. The sermon was preached by the Alaska field representative, R. R. Armstrong who challenged presbytery with the "Marching for Our Day of Crisis."

The Stated Clerk called the roll, showing the following ministers present: Roy Ahmaogak, Victor Alfsen, R. R. Armstrong, B. J. Bingle, J. Hackett Johnson, Percy Ipalook, Fred Koschmann, Fred Telecky, and Frank J. Walkup. Those absent were J. Condit, Sam Lee, and Col. McBride. Churches represented: Anchorage First by A. Roberts, Curry Alaska Railbelt by Mrs. Koehler, Palmer United Protestant by W. Huntley, and Spenard Woodland Park by G. Gustafson. Chaplain Hanks of Bloomington Presbytery, now stationed at Elmendorf Field, was enrolled as a corresponding member. It was noted that the attendance at this presbytery was the largest in the history of our presbytery.

The stated clerk presented the docket to the delegates.

The moderator closed with the benediction and dismissed presbytery to meet at 8:30 a.m. March 30, 1951.

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### MARCH 30, 1951

Presbytery convened at 8:30 a.m. in the parlors of the United Protestant Church. J. Hackett Johnson led in the devotions.

Roll call showed that Elder Mrs. P. Nelson had arrived and was representing the Wasilla Community Church. Also Charles Richey from the University Community Church at College, Alaska was introduced. He is a student interne serving in Alaska before returning to Princeton Seminary.

J. Hackett Johnson was unanimously elected to the office of moderator. He appointed Roy Ahmaogak vice-moderator and Charles Richey temporary clerk.

#### Stated Clerk's report:

Presbytery minutes were reviewed and accepted by the Synod of Washington, June 23, 1950.

E. E. Parker and Carl DeMott were dismissed to the Presbytery of Alaska, September 18, 1950.

The Cordova Church was sold to the Northern Baptist Convention.

Complete Roll of Ministers and Churches:

#### Ministers:

Roy Ahmaogak  
Victor Alfsen  
R. R. Armstrong  
B. J. Bingle  
J. Condit  
Percy Ipalook  
J. Hackett Johnson  
Fred Koschmann  
Samuel Lee  
J. McBride  
Fred Telecky  
Frank J. Walkup

Total 12

#### Churches:

Anchorage First  
Anchorage, Faith  
Barrow, Ootkeavik  
College, University Community  
Curry, Alaska Railbelt  
Fairbanks, First  
Palmer, United Protestant  
St. Lawrence Is., Gambell  
St. Lawrence Is., Savoonga  
Spenard, Woodland Park  
Wainwright, Olgonik  
Wasilla, Community  
Wales, Thornton Mt.

Total 13

#### Candidates: 7

Necrology: The stated clerk reminded the delegates of the passing of the stated clerk of our great church, Dr. Wm. B. Fugh, our fellow-laborer in Alaska Presbytery, Verne Swanson, the wife of E. E. Parker, and licentiate Andrew Akootchuk of Barter Island. The following tribute to Andrew by Rusty Heurlin was read and ordered spread upon the pages of the minutes:

"Andrew Akootchuk is gone . . . Big Andrew, the Eskimo lay-missionary of windy Barter Island. Warm tears have fallen in the silent igloos. The entire Arctic



Slope mourns his sudden and tragic departure. He was a good man -- honest, thoughtful and sincere, humble and sacrificing.

"Andrew's strong, sun-darkened features, patterned against the Arctic white, showed the strength of generations before him -- the hardiest of all primitives. Stolid in appearance yet gentle within, he lived by the Golden Rule. 'Our people were always good people,' he said, 'but we are thankful for the great wisdom and goodness of others.' Then out came the worn Bible he cherished -- tucked snugly beneath his left arm.

"He leaned slightly forward when standing. Nature had caused this from facing a lifetime of stiff Arctic winds. During the span of his sixty odd years he had crawled out of his semi-primitive darkness to see the light of a new era for his people. He learned to read and write the English Language; how to build boats, better sledges and homes with high doorways. He tutored his children; taught them to honor and obey the Ten Commandments. Seriously he delved into his religion to hold Bible classes for the islanders every night. He leaned ever forward -- toward his great desire -- that of being ordained. It was to have taken place on Easter.

"Andrew had seen much happiness in his life, then came the evil day... and troublesome happenings beset him with deep worry over the future existence of his people. 'It was the only trouble we have ever had in our long living at Barter Island,' said he while here but a few days ago. Strict game laws had been imposed upon him and his people. 'Our aboriginal rights have been taken away from us,' he sighed. 'But maybe some day the warden will see things our way, for hunger knows no law in the Arctic.'

"Andrew faced all issues confronting his people. His clear thinking and fair judgment was law east of Barrow. Strongly fortified in his beliefs he lived as he preached, never seeking to escape any duty or sacrifice before him. With keen vision he saw the many needs of the Eskimos -- schools, good teachers and better, all-around facilities of living. 'We do not want to be looked down on. We want to be respected. We are honest people that want to go ahead. Our children must know more than we know when they get to be our age. That is progress.'

"From Barter to Barrow, from Wainwright to Point Hope -- all knew Andrew Akootchook. As the winds blow over the white immensity of his domain, his broken trail will not be obliterated. It is there for someone else to follow -- clearly blazed with a cross."

Koschmann led in the commemorative prayer.

Greetings were read from J. L. McBride, George Burdick of Barrow, Clarence Irigoo of Gambell, Edward Gologergen of Savoonga, Emma Stauffer of Wales, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brandt, former elder in Fairbanks.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Jan. 1, 1951	Balance	\$173.66	
	Received	534.62	
	Total	708.28	708.28
	Expenses	172.71	
	March 30, 1951	\$535.57	

The report was accepted.

#### Report of Committee on Pensions

B. J. Bingle, chairman, reported as follows:

All pensions in the Yukon Presbytery are in good standing, none are delinquent.

The committee recommends to the ministers careful consideration of life enlistment provisions. They have set up for retiring at the age of 65 on one-half base salary. The report was accepted.

#### COMMITTEE on United Promotion

Fathers and Brethren:

Your United Promotion Committee respectively reports as follows: Attention is called to the Every Member Plan for subscriptions to Presbyterian Life. This makes this magazine available to every Presbyterian home at one dollar a year provided that every home in the church subscribes. We heartily recommend every church's participation in this plan.

This year our churches are asked to set their own benevolence quotas. These are due by April 15 and each church is asked to make their quota known to the chairman at this meeting of Presbytery.

/s/ Frank J. Walkup, chairman.

The report was accepted.



#### Committee on Christian Education

Organized Sunday schools . . . . .	13
Unorganized places of religious instruction. . . . .	3
Churches with organized youth groups . . . . .	5
Daily Vacation Bible Schools . . . . .	5
Youth encampments	
Junior . . . . .	2
Junior High . . . . .	1
Senior High . . . . .	1
Harding Lake - Junior Camp.	
King's Lake - Junior, Junior high and Senior High camps.	

#### Program for 1951 camps:

Koschmann - Harding Lake - Junior camp  
Telecky - King's Lake - Senior High Camp - June 11 - 18  
Alfsen - King's Lake - Junior High Camp - June 18 - 25  
Johnson - King's Lake - Junior Camp - June 25 - 30

#### Candidates under care of presbytery:

1. Duane Huntley - not in school because of finances but has plans for further schooling.
2. Shirley Tonseth - now at McCormick Seminary
3. Ray Reese - has left Whitworth.
4. William Ware - still at Whitworth.
5. Joe Smith - no report, though still at Whitworth
6. Victor Urban - no report but still at Whitworth
7. Bruce Saxon - no report.

Presbytery was taken to task in regard to its laxity in keeping in touch with its candidates.

/s/ B. J. Bingle, chairman

The report was accepted.

#### General Assembly and Synod Reports:

Presbytery received by letter the reports of last years delegates to the General Assembly, E. E. Parker and Albert Kulowiyi. It was passed that they be accepted as official reports and that letters of commendation be sent to the delegates. (Reports on file.)

Fred Koschmann gave an oral report of his trip to Synod as delegate from this presbytery. He recommended that there be more recognition of the presbytery of Yukon by the synod of Washington and more attention paid to synod by our presbytery with more promptness and fidelity in regard to reports, correspondence and other contacts.

Koschmann reminded presbytery that 1952 would be our turn to send a delegate again with expenses paid. He reported further that synod tax has been increased from 13 to 16 cents per member.

It was passed that we accept the increase in synod tax but that we submit it only on the white members of our churches. The stated clerk was instructed to write a letter to this effect and also to investigate the possibility of sending an annual delegate rather than a biennial one. Reports accepted.

Presbytery recessed at 10:35 a.m. Armstrong led in prayer.

MARCH 30, 1951 10:55 a.m.

The meeting of the Presbytery of Yukon, Incorporated was called to order by moderator Koschmann. Those present were Ahmaoguk, Alfsen, Bingle, Armstrong, Walkup, Telecky, Johnson, Koschmann.

Telecky reported on the survey of the work in Mountain View and expressed confidence in the future of the Presbyterian work there. He also reported having \$500 on hand toward a building. Armstrong added that the Board of National Missions had allocated an additional \$500 for the work making a total of \$1000.

Telecky's suggestion of a quonset hut for an initial building met with disfavor from the majority of the group. Walkup suggested a regular \$15,000 large church even if it would necessitate asking another denomination to come in and help. Bingle also expressed the feeling that an attractive edifice is important in stimulating interest.

The clerk was instructed to pay the rent on our Railroad lots on Government Hill.



It was decided to request the leasing of two additional lots from the Alaska Railroad, one at Healy and one at Curry, and that presbytery pay the annual rent on these lots.

Koschmann was elected chairman of the Yukon Presbytery, Inc. for the next year.

The corporation meeting was closed with prayer by Walkup and Presbytery was dismissed until 1:30 p.m.

Presbytery was called to order at 1:30 p.m. and after roll call Charles Richey led in devotions.

Moderator Johnson appointed the following standing committees:

- |                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Sessional Records   | - Telecky, Huntley  |
| 2. Auditing            | - Roberts, Ahmaogak |
| 3. Resolutions         | - Armstrong, Kohler |
| 4. Bills and Overtures | - Walkup, Gustafson |
| 5. Leave of Absence    | - Alfson            |
| 6. Nominations         | - Koschmann, Nelson |

There followed a general discussion of the proposed By-Laws but it was agreed that the final acceptance of same should be postponed until Saturday, March 31, at 4:00 p.m.

Koschmann extended an invitation for next year's stated meeting to be at Fairbanks and College churches. The invitation was accepted.

Presbytery adjourned for tea at 3:30 p.m.

Presbytery was again called to order at 4:00 p.m.

B. J. Bingle was elected bishop delegate to General Assembly. Alfson was elected alternate with the provision that Koschmann and Ahmaogak do not lose their turn. Woodlana Park was in line to send an elder delegate and Elder George Gustafson was also delegated to attend Synod and represent our presbytery with the understanding that any additional expense involved in addition to the General Assembly expense be born by the delegate himself. Dr. Fred Wagner of College was elected alternate to Synod.

Bingle handed in the regised list for lay representation at General Assembly:

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1951 - Spenard         | 1958 - College - Univ. Comm.   |
| 1952 - Wainwright      | 1959 - Curry - Alaska Railbelt |
| 1953 - Wasilla         | 1960 - Fairbanks First         |
| 1954 - Wales           | 1961 - Garbell                 |
| 1955 - Anchorage Faith | 1962 - Palmer                  |
| 1956 - Anchorage First | 1963 - Savoonga                |
| 1957 - Barrow          |                                |

This follows alphabetical order as much as possible striving to alternate Eskimo and White churches.

Miss Katherine Gladfelter, secretary for Educational and Medical work for the Board of National Missions addressed the presbytery and gave a very interesting resume of her work touching on the promotional as well as the operational angle of it.

The report of the Committee on National Missions was postponed until Saturday morning awaiting the arrival of our secretary, Dr. J. Earl Jackman.

The afternoon session was adjourned by prayer by Koschmann.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1951

Presbytery convened at 8:45 a.m. and was led in devotions by Bingle.

Dr. Winston Laughlin was enrolled as elder representative from the Palmer church.

The minutes of the previous day were read, corrected and adopted as corrected.

Moderator Johnson relinquished the chair to vice-moderator Ahmaogak and gave the following Foreign Missions Report:

"Here in the Yukon Presbytery, working so much under the Board of National Missions, we sometimes forget that there is a board of Foreign Missions of our church. As never before the Foreign Board of our church needs our interest in our support and prayers. As the missionaries in China and the Far East are trying to hold on and the worker becomes burdened with great problems, they must be made to



realize we are holding them up before God. Today as our Church is sending missionaries to Europe, and in South America in places the work is trying to be turned over to the National workers, it all needs our interest.

How can this be accomplished? The problem before our Foreign Board is the informing of the people of churches that interest might be created. It is suggested by the committee that each church stress foreign missions in their program. Encourage the users of the prayer book of Missions. Each church should plan some kind of missionary education. A school of missions is suggested, material for this can be obtained from the Board of Foreign Missions. A good method of missionary education is the stocking of a claim, especially among the young people."

The report was accepted.

Adding a word to the Foreign Missions report, Walkup suggested that more advantage be taken of people coming and going to the mission fields in the Orient, since we are on the great circle route as far as the air lines is concerned.

Elder Bryon Stevens of Anchorage Faith arrived and was enrolled.

#### National Missions Report

Chairman Koschmann presented mimeographed copies of the field reports of the various churches but these were augmented by more recent information.

A letter was read from Emma Stauffer of Wales and placed on file.

Reports from St. Lawrence Island noted that the Seventh Day Adventists again are causing a disruption in our work there. The importance of having the work there covered brought up the suggestion that we try to secure a teacher or an ordained man to go to the Island even for one or two years. Walkup felt that a presentation of the needs of the territory in Monday Morning and Presbyterian Life would reveal several men who would be willing to come up for a few years.

Dr. Hugh Evans, moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., arrived and was enrolled as a corresponding member from the presbytery of Dayton. Dr. Evans, having just arrived from a visit to St. Lawrence Island, enlarged upon the situation at Gambell, spoke on behalf of Overture H, and the condition of the Church in general.

Ahmaogak stressed the need for youth work and youth workers at Wainwright. It was suggested that Mr. and Mrs. Burdick of Barrow go over to Wainwright for a week of Vacation Bible School. A nutrition problem was also brought to the attention of the presbytery and it was felt that the home demonstration agent from the area should be requested to go to Wainwright to show how to plan and prepare balanced meals.

Presbytery recessed at 10:35 with prayer by Alfson.

Presbytery was again called to order at 1:45 p.m. with Walkup leading in the devotions.

#### Committee of Sessional Records

College: Much material not entered in the minutes. Roll call not entered. No reference in some instances to opening and closing prayer.

Anchorage Faith: Accurate roll call not taken May 3. Misspelling. Greater neatness and care should be exercised in preparing minutes.

Woodland Park: All in order.

Wasilla: Minutes very complete. Annual report and elder's report should be entered in minutes.

Fairbanks First: Good organization of material. Clerk should sign minutes.

Anchorage First: Minutes not signed by clerk. Many meetings entered without roll call and reading of minutes of previous meeting. March 22 meeting not closed with prayer. Scanty on details of business.

Palmer: 1949-1950 not approved. Greater neatness required. Some minutes not signed.

No minutes were submitted by the remaining churches.

Motion was passed to make the Committee on Sessional Records a permanent committee with the field representative as a member of the committee.

Motion passed to accept Armstrong's favorable report on the minutes of the Gambell and Barrow churches.

The report was accepted.

#### Auditing Committee:

The Treasurer's books had been examined and all was found in order. The treasurer was commended for his fidelity. Report accepted.



#### Committee on Resolutions

"Be it Resolved:

That the Presbytery of Yukon in regular meeting at Palmer, Alaska this 31st day of March, 1951, thank the United Protestant Church of Palmer for its gracious and courteous entertainment of presbytery. That Rev. and Mrs. Victor Alfson realize our thanks for the arrangements and comfort of the presbyters, and our prayers for their rich ministry in the Matanuska Valley. And that the ladies of the Palmer and Wasilla churches be thanked for their gracious meals and teas served to presbytery.

Be it further resolved that we extend our thanks to General Assembly and the friends of the church for bringing to our great territory the Moderator, Dr. Hugh Evans and his charming wife.

Be it further resolved that we record again as in the past our thanks to Almighty God for our Secretary of the unit of work in Alaska, Dr. J. Earl Jackman for his fidelity to the Gospel in this vast outpost of the church.

To Miss Gludfelter for her visit and our complete cooperation and the advances of her department in this presbytery.

And be it further resolved that letters of appreciation be sent to the church, host pastor, moderator and Dr. Jackman, recording our gratitude.

/s/ R. Rolland Armstrong

The report was accepted.

#### Committee on Bills and Overtures

Overture A - answer given in the negative

"	B -	"	"	"	"	negative
"	C -	"	"	"	"	affirmative
"	D -	"	"	"	"	affirmative
"	E -	"	"	"	"	affirmative
"	F -	"	"	"	"	affirmative
"	G -	"	"	"	"	affirmative
"	H -	"	"	"	"	affirmative
"	I -	"	"	"	"	affirmative
"	J -	"	"	"	"	affirmative
"	K -	"	"	"	"	affirmative
"	L -	"	"	"	"	affirmative

"	from presbytery of Vincennes -	answer given in the affirmative
"	"	West Jersey - " " " affirmative
"	"	Cincinnati - " " " affirmative
"	"	Enid - " " " affirmative

It was passed to concur in the recommendations of the committee. The report was accepted.

Presbytery was recessed by prayer by Telecky at 3:30 p.m.

Presbytery reconvened at 4:20 with prayer by Ahmaogak.

Alfson reported for the committee on Leave of Absence that all was in order. The report was accepted.

Walkup, representing the special committee on the Revision of the By-Laws presented its report. After a seriatim discussion of the rules they were adopted and ordered spread on the Minutes of Presbytery.

#### BY-LAWS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF YUKON 1951 Revision

##### Chapter I Rules of Order

Presbytery will be governed in its proceedings by the "General Rules for Judicatories" in use by the General Assembly.

##### Chapter II Meetings

Presbytery will hold one stated meeting each year, convening as early in the calendar year as possible. The Moderator and the Stated Clerk will fix the date and place of meeting.

##### Chapter III Worship

Meetings of Presbytery shall be constituted with prayer. A service of worship, including a sermon, shall be held, if convenient, with the local congregation.



## MINISTERS

A. Ministers of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. 1. Ministers transferring by regular order from other Presbyteries. When certificates of dismission of Presbyterian ministers coming for definite service within the bounds of Presbytery, in-corsed by the Board of National Missions, are in the hands of the Stated Clerk, their names may be added to the roll. All ministers in charge of organized churches are to be considered as pastor with all appropriate authority as such; but if possible they shall be installed. 2. All ministers ordained by Presbytery.

B. Ministers coming from other denominational bodies shall be admitted to this Presbytery only upon receipt of their credentials and after examination by Presbytery as to their faith and fitness for the sacred office. For certain other requirements regarding candidates or applicants from other bodies or churches, see the Presbyterian Digest, 1930, Vol. I, pp. 174, par. 11.

## ELDERS

A. One ruling elder of each church of the Presbytery, who shall be regularly elected as delegate for the specific meeting by his session.

## Chapter V

## Officers

1. Moderator, who shall be elected annually at the stated meetings.
2. Stated Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of three years dated from the stated meeting of the year 1949.
3. Reporting Clerk. The host of Presbytery of the specific meeting shall be elected to this office.
4. Temporary Clerk - appointed by Moderator.
5. Vice-Moderator - appointed by Moderator.

## Chapter VI

## Duties of Officers

1. The Moderator shall perform the duties of his office as provided in the "Form of Government" and the "General Rules for Judicatories."
2. The Stated Clerk shall at each stated meeting furnish a complete roll of Presbytery, indicating ministers present and absent, churches represented and unrepresented, together with the names of Elders duly accredited, and a list of candidates under care of Presbytery; also he shall furnish for reference a copy of the latest edition of the Constitution and Form of Government of the Church and the approved digest, and the minutes of the last preceding General Assembly, and Synod; also he shall furnish a docket for business; he shall notify each ministerial member, and session of each Church and candidates, at least a month previously if possible, of the time and place of meeting. He shall make a careful record of the minutes of Presbytery; he shall prepare an annual statistical report in the month of April and forward the same to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly; he shall be the custodian of all records and documents of Presbytery. As the Treasurer he shall present at each meeting an itemized account of all moneys received and disbursed; he shall furnish official news items for publication in the church papers. His compensation shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00) per year.
3. The reporting clerk shall prepare and submit appropriate news items of interest for the local newspapers.
4. Temporary Clerk shall assist the Stated Clerk.
5. Vice-moderator shall preside at the request of the Moderator, or in the event of his disability, and otherwise assist him.

## Chapter VII

## Committees

The committees shall be designated as Special, Standing, and Permanent.

1. SPECIAL COMMITTEES may be appointed at the will of Presbytery. The reception of their report discharges them.
2. STANDING COMMITTEES are created to serve at the stated meetings by the Moderator's appointment, unless otherwise specified, and are as follows:
  - (1) Arrangements. It shall be the pastor and the session of the entertaining church, together with the Stated Clerk. It shall report at the opening of Presbytery indicating hours of meeting, and times and leaders for devotional and popular meetings.
  - (2) Minutes of General Assembly - by commissioners.
  - (3) Minutes of Synod - by commissioners.
  - (4) Leave of Absence - committee consists of the Stated Clerk.



- (5) Nomination and revision of permanent committees.
- (6) Judicial business.
- (7) Finance. It shall recommend expenditures of Presbytery, the rate of per capita tax, and audit the treasurer's books and report.
- (8) Resolutions.

Each of the Standing committees, except where otherwise noted, shall consist of one minister and one elder.

3. PERMANENT COMMITTEES shall be elected by Presbytery for a term of three years, dated from the stated meeting of the year 1951 and are as follows:

- (1) United promotion. Two ministers and one elder.
- (2) National Missions. Two ministers and one elder.
- (3) Foreign Missions. Two ministers and one elder.
- (4) Christian Education. Two ministers and one elder.
- (4) Christian Education. Two ministers and one elder.
- (5) Pensions. One minister and one elder.
- (6) Care and examination of candidates. Two ministers.
- (7) Bills and overtures. One minister and one elder.
- (8) Sessional Records - One minister and one elder.

#### Chapter VIII

#### Duties of Permanent Committees

1. All permanent committees shall submit a written report at the stated meetings.
2. Each permanent committee is expected to familiarize itself with the general work of the church in the department indicated, and endeavor to relate and promote that work in the Presbytery, and present a summary in its report.

#### Chapter IX

#### Attendance at Presbytery

1. All members are required to be present at each stated meeting or furnish reason in writing for non-attendance.
2. Each church session is required to be represented at each stated meeting or furnish reasons for non-representation.
3. Candidates and licentiates are required to attend all stated meetings or report by letter.
4. Each member of Presbytery shall report on his activities each year. If working without the bounds of Presbytery, he must request and obtain permission to do so each year.

#### Chapter X

#### Commissioners

1. The election of ministerial commissioners to General Assembly or Synod shall be according to the rotary system, and only those members are eligible for election who are regularly engaged in full time ministerial service. In no case shall a minister be elected delegate to the above offices unless he returns to the Territory of Alaska for permanent work. In case a minister breaks the above rule by not returning to Alaska, except for reasons sufficient to the Presbytery, a letter of dismissal from the Presbytery will not be granted until such delegate makes refund to the office of General Assembly for two-thirds (2/3) of expense allowed.
2. The election of Elder Commissioners to the General Assembly or Synod shall be according to the rotary system (as indicated in these minutes on p. 80,) as it would apply to the churches, rather than to individuals. In no case shall an elder be elected as commissioner who does not intend to return to the parish he represents within four months and for permanent residency.

#### Chapter XI

#### Elections

All elections shall be by ballot.

#### Chapter XII

#### Quorum

Three ministers and as many elders as may be present shall be a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Presbytery.

#### Chapter XIII

#### Vacant Churches

1. The churches of Presbytery have agreed that whenever a pulpit becomes vacant, the church will counsel with the Committee of Ministerial Relations of the Presbytery of Yukon and the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. at 156 Fifth Avenue., New York, N.Y. as to the persons available



as pastor or stated supply. Presbytery will not approve a call without the approval of the congregation, the ministerial Relations Committee, and the Board of National Missions.

2. The Board of National Missions of New York, N.Y. shall contact the vacant church relative to the new pastor, as well as the Presbytery's committee on National Missions, before making committal to a candidate.
3. The Ministerial Relations Committee in Yukon Presbytery shall be the National Missions Committee.

#### Chapter XIV

#### Proposed changes within the bonds of Presbytery as to work, field, property or personnel

Any changes that the Board of National Missions might contemplate that comes within the bonds of the Presbytery of Yukon as to any or all of the above subjects shall first be submitted to the National Mission Committee of Presbytery for approval.

#### Chapter XV

#### Service Pension Plan

1. In the call of a pastor there shall always be provisions for dues payments into the Service Pension Plan.
2. Any agreement of the Presbytery to establish a Stated Supply relationship with a church shall include provision for membership and dues payments into the Service Pension Plan.
3. The installation of a pastor or missionary pastor, or the establishment of a Stated Supply relationship, in the bounds of the Yukon Presbytery shall not take place until dues payments on the account of the preceeding pastor, missionary pastor, or stated supply shall have been paid in full.
4. All churches of the Yukon Presbytery shall be requested to consider membership in the Service Pension Plan as continuous. Payment of 8% dues shall continue during the vacancy of the pulpit, or service by a non-participating minister.
5. In case of delinquency in dues payments by any church of the Yukon Presbytery that church shall report to the chairman of the Pension Committee stating the amount in arrears and giving plans for payment.
6. Each church of the Presbytery shall be requested to pay the minister's 3% dues at the same time it forwards its portion (8%), that the total dues received at Pension headquarters be from the same source.

#### Chapter XVI

#### Trustees

The management of the temporal affairs of the Presbytery shall be in the hands of the Presbytery of Yukon, Inc., which shall report to the Presbytery annually.

#### Chapter XVII

#### Amendments

These standing rules may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present at any stated meeting, provided that one day's notice of the proposed amendment be given. These rules may be suspended at any time by two-thirds vote of the members present.

#### Chapter XVIII

#### Reading of the Standing Rules

Copies of the standing rules of the Presbytery of Yukon shall be available at each stated meeting.

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It was passed to send copies of the new By-Laws to the New York office to be given to new members or appointtees.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman, secretary for the Unit of Work in Alaska of the Board of National Missions, arrived and was enrolled as a corresponding member from the Presbytery of Jersey City.

#### Committee on Nominations

Chairman Koschmann gave the following report for the committee:

1. United Promotion - Ministers, Walkup and Telecky  
Elder, Mrs. F. J. F. L. L.



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| 2. National Missions                              | - Ministers, Koschmann, Bingle<br>Elaer, Geo. Gustafson |
| 3. Foreign Missions                               | - Ministers, Bingle, Johnson<br>Elder, Philleo          |
| 4. Christian Education                            | - Ministers, Telecky, Bingle<br>Elder, Roberts          |
| 5. Pensions                                       | - Minister, Johnson<br>Elaer, Stevens                   |
| 6. Examination, Care &<br>Oversight of Candidates | - Ministers, Alfson, Armstrong                          |
| 7. Bills and Overtures                            | - Minister, Walkup<br>Elder, Stwood                     |
| 8. Sessional Records                              | - Minister, Armstrong<br>Elaer, Nelson                  |

The report was accepted.

The presbytery took a three minute recess.

After recess Koschmann began his National Missions report. The lengthy discussion continued the rest of the afternoon and for nearly an hour prior to the evening service when the group was dismissed with prayer to meet following the next day's (Sunday) evening service.

The members of presbytery filled various speaking engagements in the Anchorage churches Sunday morning, April 1. The moderator, Dr. Evans spoke in First Church, Dr. Jackman at Woodland Park and Koschmann at Faith. Armstrong and Ahmaogak filled the pulpit in the local Palmer church.

In the afternoon the presbytery journeyed to Wasilla for the official dedication of the church there. Presbytery moderator Johnson presided and the Moderator, Dr. Evans officially dedicated the church.

Presbytery gathered around the Lord's Table at the evening service in the United Protestant Church at Palmer.

Hymn - 35  
Invocation - Alfson  
Scripture - Koschmann  
Choir  
Prayer - Chaplain Hanks  
Offering - Alfson  
Hymn - 154  
Meditation - Dr. Evans  
The Sacrament - Dr. Jackman  
The Bread - Ahmaogak  
The Cup - Bingle  
Hymn - 354  
Benediction - Johnson

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1951

Presbytery convened following the evening service with Walkup leading in prayer.

The National Missions report was resumed. Richey reported orally on the progress at the College church and the work among the students at the University.

A policy was adopted that wherever we sponsor a church that the word "Presbyterian" be included in the name of the church.

The National Mission report was then concluded and the following resolutions adopted:

The National Missions Committee of Yukon Presbytery recommends:

That Woodland Park be given permission to incur an additional debt of \$3000, and we recommend further that the Board be requested to give an additional grant of \$3000, if they can raise the balance necessary to complete the building which should be about \$2643.

That Fairbanks First Church be given permission to incur added indebtedness of \$15,000 toward a building program of approximately \$35,000, and we further recommend that they be given a grant of \$10,000.

That a \$150 indebtedness at Government Hill be cleared by the Board and that a further grant of \$100 be given to finish the building.



That the Presbytery request \$15,000 from the Camp and Church Committee and that They also furnish a man for part time work, in Mountain View.

That the Stated Clerk be instructed to write a letter to Miss Eleanor Ruppert expressing the gratitude of Presbytery for the fine work she has done at Savoonga, and that she be requested to make herself available to the Board for further work in this Presbytery.

That the Home Missions Counsel be requested to furnish a full-time worker for the Anchorage Area, to work in connection with the Native Service Hospital, and that the Board be requested to furnish a full-time worker for the Eskimos in the Fairbanks area.

That our ministers in Fairbanks and Anchorage be asked to survey the need for a hostel for natives in each of these cities, with the ministers of other Home Missions Council churches, and that they further be requested, if a need is found for such, to set up local committees of management, raise funds to start hostels, and make arrangements with the Department of Ed. and Mea. for additional assistance.

That the Board be asked to give all assistance possible to the Arctic churches to enable them to have Daily Vacation Bible Schools this summer; this would include the moving of workers when necessary, and furnishing of materials.

That the ministers of Presbytery, especially those working with the Eskimo churches, be asked to actively seek cooperation with the public health agencies, university extension workers, and like agencies, and that a report of their activities in these fields be included in their annual report to Presbytery.

That the Board be requested to raise the salary basis for Yukon Presbytery, outside the Arctic Slope, from \$2400 to \$2700, and further that the National Missions Chairman of Presbytery be instructed to write a letter to the Board requesting this change, and giving the reasons for the request.

That Presbytery appoint a committee of the Chairman of National Missions and Christian Education, Frank Walkup, and Dr. Jackman as ex-officio member, to lay out a program for training Eskimos for the ministry, and report at the next annual stated meeting.

That the Board be requested to make a grant of \$500 to the Wasilla Church to complete their building.

That the Board be requested to consider the possibility of sending ministers to the Arctic church for a shorter term of service than now ordinarily done, on a basis that they would receive only transportation and expenses.

That Presbytery accept responsibility, along with the Board, of young people's summer caravans for Bible School work, and other types of service as seems good, and that the committee on National Missions be instructed to plan and supervise them.

Dr Jackman reported on the following things:

1. The summer seminars coming about July 1. In one seminar twenty will come to southeast Alaska, ten of whom will come to the interior and six on to Barrow.
2. The necessity of regularity in turning in monthly reports. If not in in two months, no check.
3. He urged the use of Presbyterian Christian Education Curriculum material. Some discussion ensued about the possibility of a curriculum demonstration and instruction period. He said it might be feasible to get a staff member up here. It was a general consensus of opinion that the New Curriculum has failed up here so much because of its being initiated improperly, not even the pastor being trained in it.
4. Estimates of repairs should be in the New York office in December.
5. He summed up the new conditions of service of the Alaskan churches. He urged further self-support. He pointed out that a self-supporting church must conform to the "terms of service" or not be considered a self-supporting church.
6. The possibility of a Methodist College in Alaska is getting slimmer. The high cost of building has discouraged them. If it were put in Southeast Alaska it would be fatal for BJS, but it might be an excellent thing on the Kenai Peninsula.

A motion was passed to send a letter of gratitude to the American Bible Society



for their help and material pertaining to the Scriptures and Bible distribution.

A motion passed to repay the expenses of the pastor and elder delegates.

A motion passed that copies of the minutes be sent to the members of Presbytery as soon as possible and that if there are no corrections, they will be considered approved as published.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at call of the moderator. The meeting closed with prayer by Mr. Armstrong.

Respectfully submitted,

*Victor I. Alfsen*

Victor I. Alfsen, Stated Clerk



MEETING OF PRESBYTERY OF YUKON  
APRIL 8, 1953

MAY 18 1953

Members of the Yukon Presbytery met at First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage, April 8, 1953, at 9:00 A.M.

Devotions were led by The Rev. Mr. Bert J. Bingle.

Roll Call of Ministers showed the following present:

The Rev. Mr. Frank Walkup, First Presbyterian Church, Anchorage  
The Rev. Mr. Fred Telecky, Faith Presbyterian, Anchorage  
The Rev. Mr. William Wartes, Presbyterian Church, Barrow  
The Rev. Mr. Thomas Tweedie, College Community Presbyterian, College  
The Rev. Mr. Victor I. Alfsen, First Presbyterian Church, Fairbanks  
The Rev. Mr. B. J. Bingle, Railbelt & Highway Mobile Mission, College  
The Rev. Mr. Brian Cleworth, United Protestant Church, Palmer  
The Rev. Mr. J. Hackett Johnson, Woodland Park Presbyterian, Spenard  
The Rev. Mr. Roy Ahmoagak, Presbyterian Church, Wainwright  
The Rev. Mr. Harry K. Gayley, Hillcrest Presbyterian, Anchorage  
The Rev. Mr. R. Rolland Armstrong, Field Representative, Board of  
National Missions, Juneau

Roll Call of Elders showed the following Churches represented:

Faith Presbyterian . . . . .	Mrs. Clifford Willits
Barrow Presbyterian . . . . .	Mr. Samuel Simmonds
College Community . . . . .	Mrs. Claude Swaim
First Presbyterian, Fairbanks . . .	Mr. Paul Greimann
United Protestant . . . . .	Mr. Winston Laughlin
Savoonga Presbyterian . . . . .	Miss Alice Greene
Woodland Park Presbyterian . . . . .	Mr. Ed Bantz
First Presbyterian, Wasilla . . . .	Mrs. Esther Hanson
Hillcrest Presbyterian . . . . .	Mrs. Helen Rex

Members Absent:

The Rev. Lowell M. Campbell, Gambell Presbyterian, Gambell  
The Rev. James L. McBride, Col. USA Retired - Penny Farms, Florida  
The Rev. Mr. Percy Ipalook, Kotzebue, Alaska  
The Rev. Mr. James Condit, Pasadena, California

Elders Absent:

First Presbyterian, Anchorage  
Railbelt & Highway Mobile Mission  
Wainwright  
Gambell  
Wales

Letters of Excuse were read from The Rev. Mr. Lowell Campbell, Gambell, and Miss Emma Stauffer of Wales.

Enrolled as Corresponding Members:

Chaplain L. M. Engstrom, Elmendorf A.F.B., St. Cloud Presbytery  
Chaplain L. A. Ellis, Eilsen A.F.B., McClellan Presbytery

Recognized:

Mr. Neil Monroe, San Francisco Presbytery, Service Pastor, Fairbanks

The report on Arrangements was given by Mr. Walkup, Chairman, who noted some changes on the mimeographed schedule.

Mr. William Wartes was nominated for Moderator by Mr. Walkup. Mr. Walkup moved that Mr. Wartes be elected Moderator.

Mr. Tweedie moved that the motion be amended, asking the Stated Clerk to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Wartes to be Moderator of Presbytery.

Seconded, carried. The motion with the amendment was seconded and carried.



Mr. Wartes appointed Mr. Walkup as Vice Moderator.  
Appointment of Temporary Clerk was tabled.  
The Moderator appointed Mr. J. Hackett Johnson as News reporter, with Mr. Walkup to assist.

A motion carried that East Spring's meeting of Presbytery minutes, which had been mimeographed and distributed, not be read and be accepted as presented.

Minutes were read of the meeting of Presbytery of May 31, 1952 aboard the Prince George Steamship. A motion carried to approve them as read.

Minutes were read of the meeting of Presbytery of June 3, 1952 aboard Princeton Hall. It was suggested by Mr. Armstrong that clarification of reason be added to the minutes as to purpose that Mr. Walkup be elected to sit in on the Nat'l Missions Committee, and that "Mr." be inserted in front of The Rev. Cleworth's name. So ordered by the Moderator.

Minutes were read of the meeting of Presbytery of July 15, 1952 at King's Lake Mess Hall, Palmer, Alaska. A motion carried that the minutes for July 15 be approved as read, and that the minutes for June 3 be officially recorded as read.

Minutes were read of the meeting of Presbytery of November 18, 1952 in First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage. Mr. Alfsen recommended that Roll Call of those present be added to the minutes. So ordered. Minutes were approved as amended.

Minutes were read of meeting of Presbytery of February 10, 1953 at First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage, and were approved as read.

The Moderator appointed Miss Alice Greene as Temporary Clerk.

Upon request of Mr. Tweedie, the Stated Clerk read Section X, Paragraph IX, from the Manual of Presbyterian Law, regarding the convening and adjourning of Presbytery. The Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk:

ANNUAL MEETING OF PRESBYTERY  
APRIL 8, 9, & 10, 1953

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 A.M.

Devotions - The Rev. Bert J. Bingle

9:15 A.M.

Opening Prayer - The Rev. Fred Telecky, Moderator

Reading of the Call to Presbytery

Roll Call

Enrollment of members of Presbytery & corresponding members

Letters of Excuse

Report of Committee on Arrangements - The Rev. Frank J. Walkup

$\frac{1}{2}$  Election of Officers

Appointment of Vice-Moderator, Temporary Clerk and News Reporter

Reading of Minutes

Presentation and adoption of Docket

Calls or Dismissals

Report of Stated Clerk and Treasurer

10:15 A.M.

Report of Permanent Committees

United Promotion - The Rev. Frank J. Walkup

Foreign Missions - The Rev. Bert J. Bingle

Pensions - The Rev. J. Hackett Johnson

Bills and Overtures - The Rev. Frank J. Walkup

Christian Education - The Rev. Fred Telecky

11:15 A.M.

Meeting with Presbyterial

Speaker - Miss Dorothy Wagner, Board of Foreign Missions



12:00 N

Luncheon - First Presbyterian Church

1:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer - The Rev. Frank J. Walkup  
Christian Education Report (Continued)

1:30 P.M.

Appointment of Standing Committees by Moderator

Report of National Missions Committee - The Rev. Frank J. Walkup, Chairman  
Report from Churches

3:30 P.M.

Tea with Presbyterial - First Presbyterian Church

4:00 P.M.

Report of National Missions (Continued)

5:00 P.M.

Adjournment with Prayer

6:00 P.M.

Dinner - First Presbyterian Church

8:00 P.M.

Dedication of Woodland Park Presbyterian Church - Woodland Park Church  
Woodland Park Church Reception

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 A.M. in United Protestant Church, Palmer, Alaska

Devotions - The Rev. R. Rolland Armstrong

National Missions Report (Continued)

Dr. Herman Morse - General Secretary, Board of National Missions

Dr. J. Earl Jackman - Secretary of Work in Alaska

The Rev. R. Rolland Armstrong - Field Representative

11:30 A.M.

Luncheon - United Protestant Church

12:30 P.M.

Breaking of ground for the Valley Presbyterian Hospital

3:00 P.M.

Tea with Presbyterial - Hillcrest Church as host at First Presbyterian Church

3:30 P.M.

National Missions Report (Continued)

6:00 P.M.

Dinner - Faith Presbyterian Church

8:00 P.M.

Popular Meeting - First Presbyterian Church Dedication

Message - Dr. Herman Morse, Moderator of General Assembly

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 A.M.

Devotions - The Rev. Victor Alfsen

Minutes of Previous day

Committee Reports

Commissioners to General Assembly, 1952 - The Rev. Roy Ahmoagak  
Elder Myron Stevens

Commissioner to Synod, 1952 - The Rev. J. Hackett Johnson

Nominations Committee

Auditing Committee

Sessional Records Committee

Leave of Absence Committee

Ministerial Relations - The Rev. Frank J. Walkup, Chairman

Social Action - The Rev. William Wartes, Chairman

Old Business

New Business

Election of Commissioners to General Assembly and Synod

10:30 A.M.

Report of Presbyterial Society

11:15 A.M.

Bible Study - Mr. Neil Monroe

12:00 N

Luncheon - Woodland Park Presbyterian Church



1:30 P.M.

Prayer - The Rev. Harry Gayley  
Report of Resolutions Committee & Adoption of Recommendations  
Reading of Entire minutes of 1953 Meeting  
Presentation of Bills

3:30 P.M.

Tea - First Presbyterian Church

4:00 P.M.

Unfinished Business

5:00 P.M.

Adjournment with prayer

A motion carried to set the time of meeting of Presbytery April 9 at 9:30 A.M.  
Mr. Armstrong asked that the order of the Docket be changed to allow him to speak following Dr. Jackman. He also requested that New Business be taken care of during Dr. Jackman's time at the Presbytery Meeting.

Mr. Telecky asked that Mr. Renckert of Pictures, Inc. be given five minutes when he arrives.

The Docket was accepted with corrections declared by the Moderator.

Mr. Alfsen was presented the call from the First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks to be their pastor. Mr. Alfsen accepted the call. Mr. Ahmoagak led in prayer.

The report of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer was read:

Report of Stated Clerk - April 4, 1953

The Statistical report of the Presbytery of Yukon is as follows:

15 Ordained Ministers, No Licentiates, 5 Candidates for Ministry  
14 Churches, 73 Elders, 58 Deacons, 5 Baptisms on Profession

The total expenses of General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery -- \$ 700.00

2 Youth Budget Plan Churches

Total Membership . . . . .	1,831
Total Church School Enrollment . . . . .	2,234
Total Congregational current receipts . . . . .	\$73,768.20
Total Congregational special receipts . . . . .	29,439.68
Total Congregational Benevolence receipts . . . . .	12,343.00

Three Pastors were received into the Yukon Presbytery during the year, namely:

The Rev. Lowell M. Campbell of Gambell  
The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth of Palmer, and  
The Rev. Harry K. Gayley of Hillcrest, Anchorage

The Rev. Fred Kosechmann was dismissed to the Presbytery of Walla Walla, Synod of Washington.

The Hillcrest Presbyterian Church was organized November 30, 1952, under the direction of The Rev. Harry K. Gayley.

Report of Treasurer - Presbytery of Yukon  
April 4, 1953

Balance April 16, 1952 (Books audited during Presbytery) . . . . .	\$ 326.47
Receipts . . . . .	<u>14,374.05</u>
Total Income . . . . .	\$14,700.52



Expenditures . . . . .	\$ 14,205.43
Balance . . . . .	495.09
Emergency Fund . . . . .	<u>186.82</u>
General Fund . . . . .	\$ 308.29

Outstanding Indebtedness (To be paid from Emergency Fund)

Board of National Missions .... (Mountain View Property) ....\$ 303.03

Per Capita Fax still outstanding:

Anchorage First . . . . .	\$217.62
Railbelt . . . . .	11.16
Wainwright . . . . .	25.92
	<u>\$254.70</u>

The Emergency Fund was established to care for such expenditures as payment on Property, Insurance, Taxes etc.

The amount of \$303.03 was taken from the General Fund to meet the first payment on the Mountain View property mortgage of \$606.06. The second payment is delinquent due to lack of funds.

The Hillcrest Church paid their own insurance during 1952, but insurance and taxes have had to be met for the Mountain View property each year.

It is recommended that some fair and definite procedure be worked out so that local churches will know how much they will be assessed each year for Presbytery expenses, and it can be taken into account when they are making out their yearly budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret T. Miller

A motion carried to add in the minutes the name of The Rev. Harry K. Gayley as Pastor, in recording the organization of Hillcrest Presbyterian Church.

A motion carried to approve the report of Stated Clerk and Treasurer as read.

A motion carried that the program for the organization of the Hillcrest Church be spread upon the minutes.

Mr. Dingle moved and Mr. Johnson seconded that Mr. Telecky bring a report on the organization of the Hillcrest Presbyterian Church. Carried.

Report of Committee on United Promotion, Mr. Walkup, postponed.

Report of Foreign Missions Committee, Mr. Bingle - referred to Miss Dorothy Wagner's speech later in agenda.

Report of Committee on Pensions, Mr. Johnson, postponed.

Report of Committee on Bills and Overtures, Mr. Walkup. It was carried that Overture "E" be answered in the affirmative. Other Overtures referred back to Committee. Elder Mrs. Swain was appointed to be a member of Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Recessed to join Yukon Presbyterial in the Sanctuary for a talk on Foreign Missions by Miss Dorothy Wagner, Western Area Secretary, Board of Foreign Missions

1:00 P.M.

Presbytery was reopened with prayer by Mr. Walkup.  
Roll Call showed the same as the morning session.



Report on Committee on Christian Education, Mr. Telecky.

Mr. Gayley gave the report of King's Lake Camp Manager. A motion carried to accept the manager's report.

Mr. Bingle reported on Summer Camps for 1953 at King's Lake. Mr. Bingle and Mr. Walkup were asked to report at the next Presbytery meeting of any developments toward a family camp. Mr. Bingle's report was accepted.

The entire report on Christian Education was accepted.

A motion carried that the report of Miss Wagner be included in the Foreign Missions' report.

The following standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Auditing . . . . .	Mr. Greinann, Mr. Johnson
Sessional Records . . . . .	Mr. Tweedie, Mrs. Willets
Nominations . . . . .	Mr. Alfsen, Mr. Simmonds
Resolutions . . . . .	Mr. Gayley, Mrs. Swaim

Report on National Missions Committee, Mr. Walkup - postponed until arrival of Dr. Jackman and Mr. Armstrong.

Report by Bishop Commissioner to General Assembly, The Rev. Mr. Roy Ahmoagak.

Report by Commissioner to Synod of Washington, The Rev. Mr. J. Hackett Johnson.

Report of Committee on Pensions, Mr. Johnson. Accepted.

A ten minute recess was taken while awaiting the arrival of Dr. Jackman and Dr. Morse.

Report of National Missions, Mr. Walkup.

The Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D. of the Presbytery of Jersey City, and The Rev. Mr. Hermann Morse, D.D., LL.D., LITT.D., Moderator of General Assembly, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., of Brooklyn-Nassau Presbytery were enrolled as Corresponding Members.

The following spoke to the National Missions report:

Mr. Telecky of Faith Presbyterian Church of Anchorage  
Mr. Wartes of Barrow Presbyterian Church of Point Barrow  
Mr. Tweedie of University Community Presbyterian Church of College  
Mr. Bingle of the Railbelt and Highway Mobile Mission.

Recessed for one half hour for tea.

Presbytery reconvened with the singing of the song, "Rise Up O Men of God".

The following spoke to the National Missions Report:

Mr. Cleworth of the United Protestant Church of Palmer, and the  
First Presbyterian Church of Wasilla, and the Valley Presbyterian Hospital  
Miss Greene of the Savoonga and Gambell Presbyterian Churches  
Mr. Johnson of Woodland Park Presbyterian Church, Spenard, and  
Mr. Ahmoagak of Wainwright Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery was recessed by prayer by Mr. Wartes, to meet at Woodland Park Presbyterian Church to dedicate the new church building.

Services of Dedication were held at 8:00 P.M. as follows, with The Rev. William C. Wartes, Moderator of the Presbytery of Yukon, in charge:

Processional Hymn -- "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name"

CALL TO WORSHIP -- The Rev. Fred J. Telecky

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER -- The Rev. Brian Cleworth

Hymn -- "Love Divine"

SCRIPTURE LESSON -- The Rev. Victor I. Alfsen

PRAYER -- The Rev. Thomas Tweedie

Anthem -- "We Adore Thee" -- Choir

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER -- The Rev. Roy Ahmoagak



SERMON -- The Rev. Hermann N. Morse, D.D., LL.D., LITT.D., Moderator of  
General Assembly Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Solo -- "He Smiled On Me" - Mrs. Harold Kenny

ACT OF DEDICATION -- The Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D., Secretary of Work, Alaska

PRAYER OF DEDICATION -- The Rev. R. Rolland Armstrong, Field Representative,  
Board of National Missions

Hymn -- "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

BENEDICTION -- The Rev. J. Hackett Johnson

A reception followed the Dedication Service.

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MEETING OF PRESBYTERY OF YUKON  
APRIL 9, 1953

Members of the Yukon Presbytery met in the United Protestant Church of Palmer,  
April 9, 1953, at 9:30 A.M.

Devotions were led by The Rev. R. Rolland Armstrong.

Roll Call of Ministers showed the following present:

The Rev. Mr. Frank Walkup, First Presbyterian Church, Anchorage  
The Rev. Mr. Fred Telecky, Faith Presbyterian Church, Anchorage  
The Rev. Mr. William Wartes, Presbyterian Church, Barrow  
The Rev. Mr. Thomas Tweedie, University Presbyterian Church, College  
The Rev. Mr. Victor I. Alfsen, First Presbyterian Church, Fairbanks  
The Rev. Mr. B. J. Bingle, Railbelt & Highway Mobile Mission, College  
The Rev. Mr. Brian Cleworth, United Protestant Church, Palmer, Alaska  
The Rev. Mr. J. Hackett Johnson, Woodland Park Presbyterian Church, Spenard  
The Rev. Mr. Roy Ahmoagak, Wainwright Presbyterian Church, Wainwright  
The Rev. Mr. Harry K. Gayley, Hillcrest Presbyterian Church, Anchorage  
The Rev. Mr. R. Rolland Armstrong, Field Representative, Board of National  
Missions, Juneau

Roll Call of Elders showed the following Churches represented:

Faith Presbyterian . . . . . Mrs. Clifford Willits  
Barrow Presbyterian . . . . . Mr. Samuel Simmonds  
University Presbyterian . . . . . Mrs. Claude Swaim  
First Presbyterian, Fairbanks . . . . . Mr. Paul Greimann  
United Protestant . . . . . Mr. Winston Laughlin  
Savoonga Presbyterian . . . . . Miss Alice Greene  
Woodland Park Presbyterian . . . . . Mr. Ed Bantz  
First Presbyterian, Wasilla . . . . . Mrs. Esther Hanson

Corresponding Members present:

Chaplain L. M. Engstrom, Elmendorf A.F.B., St. Cloud Presbytery  
Chaplain L. A. Ellis, Eilsen A.F.B., McClellan Presbytery  
The Rev. J. Earl Jackman, Jersey City Presbytery (Secy, Unit of Alaska)  
The Rev. Mr. Hermann Morse, Brooklyn-Nassau Presbytery (Moderator G.A.)

Recognized:

Mr. Neil Monroe, Student Pastor, San Francisco Presbytery (Service Pastor,  
Fairbanks)

Continuation of the report of the Committee on National Missions, Mr. Walkup.

Mr. Walkup moved and Mr. Armstrong seconded that the Presbytery should wire  
Mr. Ralph Weeks that he should be ordained by Alaska Presbytery, and that  
Dr. Jackman will be in Sitka June 2. Carried.

Mr. Morse, Moderator of the General Assembly and General Secretary of the Board  
of National Missions, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., spoke to the report.

Mr. Gayley spoke concerning work at Hillcrest Presbyterian Church, and as Service  
Pastor for the Anchorage area.



Recessed for lunch and the breaking of ground for the Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Palmer.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY  
THE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL  
APRIL 9, 1953 - 12:30 PM

Mr. George E. Smith, Presiding  
President, Valley Hospital Association, Incorporated.

Palmer High School Band . . . . . Mr. Leo Getsgo, Director

Invocation . . . . . The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth, Hosp. Chaplain

Words of Greeting . . . . . Mr. George E. Smith, Valley Hosp. Assoc.

Greetings and Remarks . . . . . The Contractor, Mr. Richard Beaulieu,  
President, C. R. Foss, Inc.

A Sponsoring Agency . . . . . The Rev. Mr. R. Rolland Armstrong, A  
representative from the United States  
Public Health Service

A Sponsoring Agency . . . . . Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary Department  
of Work in Alaska, Board of National  
Missions of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Welcome and Remarks . . . . . Mr. Alfred Hagen, Mayor, City of Palmer

Words of Response and Greeting . . . . Dr. Hermann N. Morse, Moderator, The  
General Assembly of the Presbyterian  
Church U.S.A., and General Secretary of  
the Board of National Missions

The Ground Breaking . . . . . Mrs. Bert J. Bingle, Representing the  
Women's Organizations throughout the  
Presbyterian Church.  
Dr. Hermann N. Morse

Band and People . . . . . "God Bless America"

The meeting of Presbytery was reconvened at 4:00 P.M. at First Presbyterian Church, Anchorage.

The meeting was opened with a hymn and prayer by Mr. Walkup.

All ministers and corresponding members present.  
Elders Mrs. Claude Swain and Mrs. Esther Hanson excused.

Continuation of the report of the Committee on National Missions, Mr. Walkup.  
Mr. Monroe spoke to the report as Service Pastor of Fairbanks area.  
Dr. Jackman, Secy. for work in Alaska, spoke to the report.  
Mr. Armstrong, Field Representative for Alaska, spoke to the report.

Prayer by Mr. Walkup.

Mr. Bingle moved and Mr. Walkup seconded that we meet following the dedication of the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, Carried.

Meeting recessed for supper and the dedication of the Sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church, Anchorage.



THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION  
APRIL 9, 1953 - 8:00 PM

ORGAN PRELUDE . . . . . Mrs. John Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Rev. Mr. Frank J. Walkup, Pastor

PROCESSIONAL HYMN . . . "The Church's One Foundation" . . . . . No. 333

INVOCATION, THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE LESSON . . . . . Isaiah 6:1-8  
Rev. Mr. James E. Austin  
Church of God, Anchorage

ANTHEM . . . "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" . . . . . O'Hara  
The Choir  
Mrs. Jack Harrison, Director

PASTORAL PRAYER . . . Rev. Mr. William C. Wartes, Barrow, Alaska  
Moderator, Presbytery of Yukon

CHORAL AMEN

THE APOSTLES' CREED . . . . . xlv

THE DEDICATION OF THE SANCTUARY . . . . Rev. Mr. R. R. Armstrong, Presiding  
Prayer

Presentation of the Keys to the Sanctuary —  
Mr. Lorn Anderson, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Acceptance of the Keys . . . . . Rev. Mr. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.  
Secretary for Work in Alaska - Board of National Missions

Anthem -- Inflammatus from "Stabat Mater" . . . . . Rossini  
Mrs. Wesley Hodge, Soloist

Litany of Dedication

Prayer

Choral Amen

HYMN . . . "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" . . . . . No. 337

SERMON . . . "GO FORTH" —  
Rev. Mr. Hermann N. Morse, D.D., LL.D., LITT.D.  
Moderator, Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Everyone was most cordially invited to be the guests of the Elders and their wives at a reception after the dedication.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 P.M. Prayer by Mr. Wartes.

All ministers present.



Elders present:

Barrow Presbyterian . . . . .	Mr. Samuel Simmonds
United Protestant . . . . .	Mr. Winston Laughlin
First Presbyterian, Fairbanks . . . . .	Mr. Paul Greimann
Savoonga Presbyterian . . . . .	Miss Alice Greene
Railbelt Church . . . . .	Mrs. William Koehler

All other Elders excused.

Corresponding Member present:

The Rev. J. Earl Jackman, Jersey City Presbytery

Committee on National Missions report continued, Mr. Walkup.

The following telegram will be sent to Mr. Ralph Weeks:

"Ralph Weeks  
103 Woodland Avenue  
San Anselmo, California

Due to General Assembly regulations Yukon Presbytery suggests ordination by Alaska Presbytery. Dr. Jackman will consult Alaska Presbytery next week and will write you. Recommend shipping car to Juneau. Hopeful of your ministry with us.

Margaret Miller  
Stated Clerk"

The Committee on National Missions presented the following recommendations:

1. That the work of the Railbelt and Highway be divided.  
Moved by Mr. Alfsen and seconded by Mr. Ahmoagak that it be approved.  
Carried.
2. Committee has examined the credentials of The Rev. Edward Diehl of Plainview, Minnesota, and recommends approval of securing him for the Mobile Ministry of the Highway.  
Moved by Mr. Armstrong and seconded by Mr. Telecky that it be approved.  
Carried.
3. Recommend the purchase of a house trailer for use on the Highway, and that Dr. Jackman contact University Presbyterian Church concerning theirs.  
Moved by Mr. Armstrong and seconded by Mr. Alfsen that it be approved.  
Carried.
4. Recommend approval of the appointment of The Rev. Robert Hoffman as Missionary Pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church when the Church becomes vacant.  
Moved by Mr. Bingle and seconded by Mr. Laughlin that it be approved.  
Carried.
5. Recommend approval of Mr. Winthrop H. Ware for Service Pastor in the Anchorage area.  
Moved by Mr. Armstrong and seconded by Mr. Johnson that it be approved.  
Carried.
6. Recommend that the National Missions Committee recommend to the Trustees of Presbytery and the Department of Work in Alaska the disposition of the Mountain View property, and that the Pastors of the Anchorage Churches and one Elder representation from each congregation form a committee on strategy for the future development of the Anchorage area, and bring in their recommendations in the near future.  
Moved by Mr. Armstrong and seconded that it be approved.  
Carried.
7. Recommend arrangements for schooling for a lay person for work in Barrow.  
Moved by Mr. Bingle and seconded that it be approved.  
Carried.



It was moved by Mr. Bingle and seconded by Mr. Alfson that Mr. Ahmoagak's expenses Barrow to Fairbanks and return be paid by the Board of National Missions. Carried.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Dr. Jackman.

MEETING OF PRESBYTERY OF YUKON  
APRIL 10, 1953

Presbytery of the Yukon was convened by a devotional service led by Mr. Alfson.

Roll Call of Ministers showed the following present:

The Rev. Mr. Frank Walkup, First Presbyterian Church, Anchorage  
The Rev. Mr. Fred Telecky, Faith Presbyterian Church, Anchorage  
The Rev. Mr. William Wartes, Presbyterian Church, Barrow  
The Rev. Mr. Thomas Tweedie, University Community, College  
The Rev. Mr. Victor I. Alfson, First Presbyterian Church, Fairbanks  
The Rev. Mr. B. J. Bingle, Railbelt & Highway Mobile Mission, College  
The Rev. Mr. Brian Cleworth, United Protestant Church, Palmer  
The Rev. Mr. J. Hackett Johnson, Woodland Park Presbyterian, Spenard  
The Rev. Mr. Roy Ahmoagak, Wainwright Presbyterian Church, Wainwright  
The Rev. Mr. Harry K. Gayley, Hillcrest Presbyterian Church, Anchorage

Roll Call of Elders showed the following Churches represented:

First Presbyterian, Anchorage . . . . . Mr. Peacock  
Faith Presbyterian, Anchorage . . . . . Mrs. Clifford Willits  
Barrow Presbyterian . . . . . Mr. Samuel Simmonds  
University Community . . . . . Mrs. Claude Swaim  
First Presbyterian, Fairbanks . . . . . Mr. Paul Greimann  
United Protestant . . . . . Mr. Winston Laughlin  
First Presbyterian, Wasilla . . . . . Mrs. Esther Hanson  
Savoonga Presbyterian . . . . . Miss Alice Greene  
Woodland Park Presbyterian . . . . . Mr. Ed Bantz (Alternate) -  
Mr. Francis Graham

Corresponding Members present:

Chaplain L. M. Engstrom, Elmendorf A.F.B., St. Cloud Presbytery

Recognized:

Mr. Neil Monroe, Student Pastor, San Francisco Presbytery  
(Service Pastor, Fairbanks)

Minutes of the meetings held on April 8 were read.

Moved by Mr. Telecky and seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected.  
Carried.

Minutes of the meetings of April 9 were read.

Moved by Mr. Walkup and seconded by Mr. Johnson that the minutes be approved as read.  
Carried.

Mr. Cleworth moved and Mr. Alfson seconded that the program of the ground breaking at the Valley Presbyterian Hospital be spread upon the minutes.  
Carried.

Continuation of National Missions report by Mr. Walkup.

Mr. Robert Renckert of Pictures, Inc. spoke concerning Cathedral Films.

The meeting was recessed for five minutes by prayer by Mr. Telecky.

Reconvened at 10:50 A.M. with prayer by Mr. Bingle.

Myron Stevens of Faith Presbyterian Church, Elder Commissioner to General Assembly, reported on the meetings of General Assembly.



Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Telecky seconded that we receive the report with commendation for the inspirational content. Carried.

Bible Study on the Book of Acts by Mr. Neil Monroe.

Recessed for lunch by prayer by Mrs. Miller.

Friday P.M. April 10, 1953.

Presbytery reconvened with prayer by Elders Graham, Simmonds and Laughlin, and Pastor, The Rev. Mr. Roy Ahmoagak.

Roll Call showed the same attendance as at the morning meeting. Miss Alice Greene, Mr. Neil Monroe, and Mr. Roy Ahmoagak were excused later in the afternoon to visit some of their people who are hospitalized in the Seward Sanatorium.

Mrs. Mable Bingle, outgoing President of the Presbyterial, gave the yearly report, which is on file. Mrs. Bingle presented the new President, Mrs. Edith Puckett. The Moderator gave the installing prayer. The report was accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Frank Walkup reported that the Ministerial Relations Committee had no report.

There was no official report from the Committee on Candidates Under Care of Presbytery. A motion carried to have The Rev. Mr. R. Rolland Armstrong, Chairman, contact all candidates who are under care of Presbytery, and submit his report by July 1.

A motion carried to drop the name of Duane Huntley from the list of candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

A motion carried to drop the name of Robert Lantz from the list of candidates to the Gospel Ministry.

A motion carried that notification be given to the above candidates of their names being dropped, and convey the hope that we might some day reinstate them.

The Rev. Mr. William Wartes gave the report of the Committee on Social Action, with the recommendation that this Presbytery stress the need for teaching, preaching, and living the Christian life.

A motion carried to accept the report, and adopt the recommendation.

The Rev. Mr. Victor Alfsen, making the report for the Nomination Committee, nominated The Rev. Mr. Brian Cleworth as Chairman of the Christian Education Committee, and The Rev. Mr. Thomas Tweedie as the Chairman of the United Promotion Committee.

A motion carried to adopt the Committee's report and instruct the Clerk to call a unanimous ballot for these officers.

A motion carried that the name of Mr. Frank Walkup be taken off the Committees for United Promotion and Bills and Overtures, and the name of Mr. Victor Alfsen be put in its stead.

A report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was given by The Rev. Frank Walkup, who recommended that the overture from the Presbytery of Rochester be answered in the affirmative. A motion carried, with one dissenting vote, that the recommendation be adopted.

The Committee recommended that Overture "A" be answered in the affirmative. A motion carried to that effect.

The Committee recommended that Overtures "B", "C", and "D" be answered in the affirmative.

A motion carried to that effect.

Elder Lee McKinley of the United Protestant Church was introduced to the Presbytery.



Following is the report of the Auditing Committee:

"The Auditing Committee, appointed by the Moderator, The Rev. William Wartes, to go over the books and accounts of the Presbytery, have found same to be in order and balance.

The Committee want to thank Mrs. Miller for her time and efforts contributed to this endless task of keeping these records.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ J. Hackett Johnson  
Paul Greimann."

Mrs. Miller was given a rising vote of thanks.

A motion carried to recess for tea.

Presbytery was reconvened with a prayer by The Rev. Bert J. Bingle.

The Rev. Victor Alfsen memorialized the Presbytery of the passing of Mrs. Elizabeth Dalhaus, who was a member of the First Church of Fairbanks, a member of the staff of Johnson College at Westpoint, Mississippi under the Board of National Missions, and sister to Elder Paul Greimann. The Rev. Frank Walkup gave the memorial prayer.

The report of the Committee on Sessional Records was given by Mrs. Swain and Mr. Tweedie.

Mr. Tweedie reprimanded the members of Presbytery for not keeping the minutes of their Session meetings accurately, and correctly and fully.

A motion carried that The Rev. R. Rolland Armstrong be instructed to examine the records of the churches which failed to submit minutes of their Session meetings during Presbytery, when he is on his Field trips.

A motion carried that the Stated Clerk be authorized to purchase a rubber stamp to be used in the approval of Session minutes.

It was pointed out that The Rev. Thomas Tweedie had been appointed Moderator of the First Church of Fairbanks, to replace The Rev. Bert J. Bingle during the interim between regular pastors during the years 1952-1953.

The report of the Sessional Records was accepted.

Following the recommendation of the Auditing Committee Chairman, Mr. Greimann, that the per capita tax be raised considerably, a motion carried that the tax be as follows: General Assembly tax, 24¢; Synod tax, 22¢; Presbytery tax, 29¢, making a total of 75¢.

A motion carried that the Eskimo churches be taxed only the Presbytery tax of 29¢.

A motion carried that we pay per capita tax to Synod for the white churches only.

A motion carried to approve the report of the Auditing Committee.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The Rev. Bert J. Bingle reported that the Westminster Fellowship Assembly had been postponed until 1954, and that representatives will be discussed with the Westminster Fellowship groups in the Presbytery for further action.

There had been no answer to the letter to Mrs. Cavelle regarding a Presbyterian College in this area.

Mr. Tweedie reported meeting with the University of Alaska authorities regarding a Chair of Religion in that university. A motion carried to turn this matter over to the National Missions Committee.



A motion carried that the Stated Clerk write the Synod of Washington that we would like our Synod to take similar action to that of the General Assembly regarding the taxing of Eskimo churches.

There had been no meeting of the Territorial Welfare Agencies in the Fall of 1952.

The Stated Clerk reported that all material dated previous to 1947 had been sent to the Historical Society.

There was nothing new to report regarding restrictions to the title to the United Protestant Church of Palmer.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Stated Clerk was instructed to ask Mr. Armstrong to give us a report on Percy Ipalock regarding his failure to comply with requests from the Presbytery.

A motion carried to ask the Board of National Missions to send Mr. Armstrong as an extra delegate to Synod, and that the Presbytery of Yukon would pay \$100 toward his expenses.

The Rev. Mr. William Wartes extended an invitation to Presbytery and Presbyterial to meet in the Barrow Church next Spring.

A motion carried that the Stated Clerk circulate questionnaires regarding problems and costs involved in a meeting of Presbytery and Presbyterial in Barrow.

A motion carried to have Presbytery convene for its annual meeting next year, the week of April 25.

The Rev. Mr. Alfsen reported on plans for his installation at Fairbanks First Presbyterian Church on May 6, 1953. A motion carried that his report be accepted.

A motion carried that we take out a blanket Camp insurance policy for Presbytery.

A motion carried that The Rev. Harry Gayley be appointed Moderator of the session of the Hillcrest Church.

A motion carried that the Bishop delegate to Synod in 1953 be The Rev. Frank J. Walkup.

A motion carried that The Rev. Mr. Bert Bingle be alternate delegate to Synod.

A motion carried that The Rev. J. Hackett Johnson be the Bishop delegate to General Assembly.

A motion carried that The Rev. R. Rolland Armstrong be alternate delegate to General Assembly.

A motion carried that we recess until 8:00 P.M., and that the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church arrange Communion Service for the closing of Presbytery.

Presbytery reconvened at 8:00 P.M. April 10, 1953, with the following present:

#### Ministers:

The Rev. Mr. Frank Walkup, First Presbyterian Church, Anchorage  
The Rev. Mr. Fred Telecky, Faith Presbyterian Church, Anchorage  
The Rev. Mr. William Wartes, Presbyterian Church, Barrow  
The Rev. Mr. Thomas Tweedie, University Community, College  
The Rev. Mr. Victor I. Alfsen, First Presbyterian Church, Fairbanks  
The Rev. Mr. Bert J. Bingle, Railbelt & Highway Mobile Mission, College  
The Rev. Mr. J. Hackett Johnson, Woodland Park Presbyterian, Spenard  
The Rev. Mr. Roy Ahmoagak, Wainwright Presbyterian Church, Wainwright  
The Rev. Mr. Harry K. Gayley, Hillcrest Presbyterian Church, Anchorage



Elders:

Faith Presbyterian, Anchorage . . . . .	Mrs. Clifford Willits
Barrow Presbyterian . . . . .	Mr. Samuel Simmonds
University Community . . . . .	Mrs. Claude Swain
First Presbyterian, Fairbanks . . . . .	Mr. Paul Greimann
Woodland Park Presbyterian . . . . .	Mr. Ed Bantz

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A motion carried that Mrs. Pete Nelson of Wasilla be Elder Commissioner to General Assembly, with Mrs. Esther Hanson of Wasilla First Alternate, and a Lady Commissioner from Wales as Second Alternate.

A motion carried that when adjournment is made for this meeting, we adjourn to meet at the call of the Moderator.

A letter from Paul Evans from the Alaska Presbytery concerning an advertisement in The Alaska Sportsman was considered. A motion carried that we write the Alaska Presbytery that we would be delighted and pleased to go along with them in an advertisement for Sheldon Jackson School.

A motion carried that we recess for a Corporation meeting.

The Corporation Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Walkup.

The minutes of the meetings of the past year were read and approved as read.

A motion carried that the Mountain View property be offered for sale, with \$6000.00 the floor price.

A motion carried that the quonset hut on the property be turned over to the National Missions Committee for disposal.

Election of officers for the coming year was as follows:

The Rev. Frank J. Walkup, Chairman

The Stated Clerk of Presbytery be the Stated Clerk of the Corporation.

The Corporation Meeting was adjourned.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A motion carried that the National Missions Committee report be accepted in full.

The following resolutions were presented by Mr. Gayley, and approved as read, with the Stated Clerk being instructed to write the letters of appreciation and thanks.

A motion carried that the highlights of the Presbytery and Presbyterian be written up by the reporter and given to the papers of Anchorage and Fairbanks for publication, also to the radio stations and Presbyterian Life.

The minutes of the entire Presbytery Meeting were read, and approved as read.

A motion carried that when the Benediction is pronounced at the close of the Communion Service, we stand adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Elder Simmonds.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret T. Miller, Stated Clerk



PRESBYTERY OF YUKON  
IN ALASKA

JUN 14 1955

PERMANENT COMMITTEES 1955

United Promotion, Mr. Alfson, Mr. Ware, Mrs. Davis (Mrs. Cleworth, Mrs. Stokes, Presbyterian)

National Missions:- Mr. Walkup, Mr. Bingle, Mr. Stevens (Mrs. John Puffe, Presbyterian)

Foreign Missions, Mr. Weeks, Mr. Seibert, Mr. Phileo (Mrs. Frank Walkup, Presbyterian)

Christian Education:- Mr. Cleworth, Mr. Munro, Mr. Winner, Mr. Crittenden, (Mrs. Joyce, Presb'L)

Pensions:- Mr. Stokes, Mr. Siemens

Exam. Care, and oversight of Candidates:- Dr. Armstrong, Mr. Alfson

Bills and Overtures:- Mr. Ware, Mrs. Hansen

Session Records:- Dr. Armstrong, Mrs. Swain



MEETING OF PRESBYTERY OF YUKON  
APRIL 11, 1955

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The 1955 Spring meeting of Presbytery of Yukon was called to order by the Moderator, the Reverend Mr. Frank Walkup at 8:00 pm, April 11, 1955, in the First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks, Alaska. The following members were enrolled:

The Rev. Mr. Frank Walkup	First Presbyterian, Anchorage
The Rev. Mr. Winthrop Ware	Hillcrest Presbyterian
The Rev. Mr. William Wartes	Barrow Presbyterian
The Rev. Mr. John Stokes	University Community Presb.
The Rev. Mr. Victor I. Alfsen	First Presbyterian, Fairbanks
The Rev. Mr. Brian Cleworth	United Protestant, Palmer
The Rev. Mr. B. J. Bingle	Railbelt Mobile Ministry
The Rev. Mr. Ralph Weeks	Woodland Park Presb. Spenard
The Rev. Mr. Roy Ahmaogak	Wainwright Presbyterian
The Rev. Mr. Neil Munro	Service Pastor, Fairbanks Big Delta
The Rev. Mr. R.R. Armstrong, D. D.	Ass't Sec. of Work in Alaska

Excused:

The Reverend Mr. Lowell Campbell	Gambell
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Not present:

The Rev. Mr. John Seibert	Faith Presbyterian, Anchorage
The Rev. Mr. Edward Diehl	Highway Mobile Ministry
The Rev. Mr. Percy Ipalook	Chaplain, Nat'l Guards

ELDERS

Mr. George Parkko, Principal	First Presbyterian, Anchorage
Mrs. Margaret T. Miller, Alternate	First Presbyterian, Anchorage
Mr. Rolland Flory, Alternate	Faith Presbyterian, Anchorage
Mr. Roxy Ekowana, Alternate	Barrow Presbyterian
Mr. Robert Bettisworth,	University Community Presb.
Mr. Paul Greiman, Alternate	First Presbyterian, Fairbanks
Mr. James Winfree, Alternate	First Presbyterian, Fairbanks
Mrs. Beatrice Huntley	United Protestant, Palmer
Mrs. Wilmar Davis	Railbelt Presbyterian
Mr. Edward Bantz	Woodland Park, Spenard
Mrs. Esther Hanson,	Wasilla First Presbyterian

LAY WORKER

Mr. William Siemens	First Presbyterian, Fairbanks
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Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Mr. Walkup.

Nominations were opened for Moderator. A motion was made, seconded and carried to cast a unanimous ballot for the Rev. Mr. Brian Cleworth, for the 1955-56 term of Moderator.

Mr. Ralph Weeks was appointed Vice Moderator. Mr. Neil Munro was appointed Temporary Clerk.

Nominations were opened for the three year term of Stated Clerk. Mrs. Margaret Miller was nominated. It was moved seconded and carried to instruct the temporary Clerk to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Miller. Mr. Walkup called for standing applause for Mrs. Miller and the fine work she has done.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the 1954 meeting of Presbytery be accepted as presented. The minutes of the Fall meeting of Presbytery were approved with the correction of the call letters of the Sitka radio station to be KSEW. The minutes of the January 11th meeting (a special Meeting), were approved as read.

The docket was presented by the out-going Moderator, Mr. Walkup. The docket was amended as follows:

1. Discussion of the plan for formation of the Synod of Alaska be the first item of business before recessing this meeting.

The docket was accepted as amended.

Mr. Bingle presented orally the plan to form the Synod of Alaska by dividing it into three Presbyteries, viz:- Southeastern, Anchorage, and Arctic. Mr. Stokes read letters to the Rev. Mr. Paul Evans of the Alaska Presbytery and Mr. Evan's response with regard to this plan. Mr. Bingle felt that no final decision could be made at this time as the committee was not all present. This item of business was to be held over to be considered under Miscellaneous business. Mr. Walkup expressed himself to the effect that the Presbytery should not be divided and that we should not be disassociated from the Synod of Washington. Mr. Bingle



was to present a written report and recommendations when this item was to be considered under Miscellaneous business.

Dr. Armstrong and Mrs. Swaim constitute the standing committee on examinations of sessional records. Dr. Armstrong appointed Mr. Wartes, Mr. Stokes, and Mrs. Huntley to assist.

The meeting was recessed to meet at 8:45 am., April 12, 1955. The Moderator, Mr. Cleworth, closed with Prayer.

APRIL 12, 1955

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 8:45 am. A devotional message was brought by the Reverend Mr. Stokes. All of the members enrolled at the first meeting were present, with the following additional member enrolled:

Mr. Edgar Philleo, Principal                      First Presbyterian, Fairbanks

The minutes of the previous day were approved with corrections.

Standing committee appointments were as follows:

1. Arrangements, - Mr. Alfson, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Bingle, and Mr. Munro.
2. Minutes of General Assembly: - Dr. Armstrong
3. Leave of absence: - The Stated Clerk
4. Nominations: - Mr. Philleo, Mr. Weeks
5. Judicial Business: - Mr. Seibert, Mrs. Huntley, Mr. Walkup
6. Finance: - Mr. Bantz, Mr. Bettisworth
7. Resolutions: Mr. Walkup, Mr. Diehl

Correspondence:

1. From the Rev. Mr. Lowell Campbell of Gambell, who sent his report and asked to be excused from the meeting of Presbytery.
2. From the office of the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Washington. Synod will meet at Whitworth College, starting June 20th. Synodical and Youth Synod will be held at the same time. The Rev. Mr. Charles Templeton will be the principal speaker.
3. The Stated Clerk of Synod informs the Presbytery that according to the rotation plan, the moderator of the Synod is to be elected from the Presbytery of Yukon for the year 1955-56. This is to be considered when the commissioner to Synod is elected.
4. The Stated Clerk of Synod sent forms for survey of property. These forms were referred to the Board of Trustees of Presbytery of Yukon Inc.
5. From the Rev. Mr. Huddleston requesting information regarding service in this Presbytery to cover Social Security needs. The matter was referred to the committee on Ministerial relations.
6. The Rev. Mr. Webster solicits the presbytery, and individuals to contribute funds for a stained glass window for the Seminary at San Anselmo. This was referred to Miscellaneous business.
7. Nominations for Moderator of the General Assembly have been received and were referred to the commissioner to be elected to General Assembly. Dr. Armstrong spoke in favor of the Rev. Mr. Wright of Portland who is interested in Alaska.
8. Correspondence regarding the plan of Union was referred to the committee on Bills and Overtures.
9. Placement of Refugees was referred to the committee on Social Education and Action.
10. A letter of thanks was received from Mrs. Lee Evans of Tok, in response to the letter of sympathy sent following the death of Mr. Evans.
11. A proposal was made by the Presbytery of Alaska to hold a joint meeting with this presbytery was referred to Miscellaneous business.
12. A letter from the Stated Clerk of General Assembly requested that reports and information get to his office as soon as possible so that information can be sent to the commissioners.

#### CALLS AND DISMISSIONS

The Rev. Mr. Thomas Tweedie requested a transfer of membership from this presbytery to the Presbytery of Sacramento. It was moved seconded and carried that Mr. Tweedie's request be granted, with a letter of commendation and appreciation to be sent by the Stated Clerk.

The Rev. Mr. J. Hackett Johnson requested a transfer of membership from this presbytery to the Presbytery of the Redwoods, as he is now serving in the church of Scotia. It was moved that the rules be waived and the request be granted, with a letter from the Stated Clerk of commendation and appreciation. It was seconded and carried.



The report of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer was read and placed on file. It was noted that the per capita tax for Synod apportionment was increased from 24¢ to 26¢. This matter was referred to the finance committee. The Moderator commented on the necessity of getting all reports and payments in on time. It was moved seconded and carried that a collect telegram be sent weekly to each delinquent church, after the deadline set by the clerk. It was moved seconded and carried that the report of the Stated Clerk and treasurer be approved.

It was moved seconded and carried that the auditors of the Presbytery treasurer's books, also audit the books of the Presbytery of Yukon Inc.

The report from the commissioner to General Assembly, by Dr. Armstrong was received and placed on file. The report from commissioner Mr. Walter Mayakik was read by the Rev. Mr. Ahmaogak. It was moved seconded and carried to accept the reports of the commissioners, and place them on file.

It was moved seconded and carried to table the report of the commissioner to Synod, Mr. Martes.

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES ( Rules call for written reports )

1. United Promotion, - Mr. Alfsen, reporting. the report is on file having been accepted.

2. Pensions, - There was no report. Mr. Walkup asked if there were any questions on the Social Security Plan. It was reported by the Stated Clerk that there were no delinquent churches in the Presbytery regarding the Pension Plan. It was also reported that the Kasilla church is now included in the Pension Plan.

It was moved seconded and carried that this information constitute the report of the Pensions Committee, and be approved.

3. Foreign Missions, - Mr. Weeks reported orally that the interest in the Presbytery, in foreign missions has increased. The Fairbanks church now has partial support of a missionary in Iraq, and one in Formosa. The Tarrow church has an interest in a missionary in Formosa and the Philippines. Anchorage First has interests in Korea, and Palmer in South America. It was reported also that the movie, "Decision in Thailand" is available to the Presbytery. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be accepted in lieu of a written report to be turned in later.

The report of the commissioner to Synod was given by Mr. Martes. He reported that heavy stress was laid on Foreign Missions and Evangelism. He told how the University Presbyterian Church of Seattle subscribed \$300,000 in one night after a discussion on the world need. Mr. Martes recommended that we reconsider our apportionment status on the per capita tax to Synod. This was referred to the Finance Committee. It was moved, seconded and carried that a letter of thanks be sent to the Synod for their generous allowance for travel expenses for ministers and elders serving as delegates. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report of the commissioner to Synod be accepted.

Mr Stokes moved, and it was seconded and carried that the meeting of Presbytery be recessed, to convene at 1:30, with the meeting of Presbytery of Yukon Inc., to follow immediately.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Dr. Armstrong, who remembered Mr. Hyakik in the loss of his wife by death.



MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF YUKON INC.  
APRIL 12, 1955

The moderator called the meeting to order calling for nominations for President of the corporation.

The moderator, Mr. Cleworth was nominated. It was moved, seconded and carried that the nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in his favor.

Mrs. Miller was nominated as Secretary to the board of trustees. It was moved, seconded and carried that the nominations be closed, and that the temporary clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in her favor.

The minutes of the October 18, 1954 meeting were read and approved as read.

Mr. Walkup recommended that we proceed with business as far as we can and await the report of the judicial committee, with regards to the by-laws.

The treasurer's report was read and is on file.

Mr. Walkup reported that the Mountain View Property was sold for \$6500.00 of which \$3500.00 was paid as a down payment. Commencing on the 1st of June 1954, \$125.00 plus interest at 6%, was to be paid each month, for eighteen months; and then On the 1st day of November 1955, the eighteenth month, in addition to the sum of \$125 plus interest, the sum of \$750.00 plus interest at 6%. All deferred payments were to be made to the account of the Presbytery of Yukon, Inc., at the National Bank of Alaska.

It was moved seconded and carried to accept the treasurer's report as read.

OLD BUSINESS

It was moved, seconded and carried that the secretary of the Board of Trustees secure the legal papers on the disposition of the Mountain View property from the National Bank of Alaska.

Westgate property-Fairbanks

Mr. Alfson reported the \$500.00 down payment was made, and that each October \$1000.00 was due, until the full payment of \$5500.00 was met. It was moved, seconded and carried that the treasurer be authorized to pay out of the funds of Presbytery of Yukon Inc., \$1000.00 when due on November 10th, 1955.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the first \$1000.00 payment on the Westgate property be considered as the Crowell fund.

The meeting was recessed for lunch, to reconvene at 1:30 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 pm. It was moved, seconded and carried that the order of the day be suspended and the corporation meeting be continued.

REPORTS ON PROPERTY

Woodland Park:- Mr. Weeks reported that \$18,000.00 is needed to complete the work on the church. The banks will not carry this large a loan on a church and recommended that they float a bond issue. With the assurance of approximately \$5000.00 pledged, the board of trustees of the Woodland Park Presbyterian Church request permission to float a bond issue for \$13000.00. It was moved, seconded and carried that permission be granted to the Woodland Park church to float a bond issue for \$13000.00. Dr. Armstrong asked that this be cleared with the Board of National Missions.

NEW BUSINESS

The following were nominated to the Board of Trustees of the Presbytery Inc.. Mr. Bantz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Cleworth, Mr. Walkup, Mr. Philleo, Mr. Weeks and Mr. Crittenden.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in their favor. Mr. Weeks asked for reconsideration of the prior motion. The reconsideration was passed. Mrs. Huntley withdrew the name of Mr. Weeks, and added that of Mr. Alfson. The nominations were again closed, and the clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in their favor.

Mrs. Miller was nominated as treasurer of the Presbytery of Yukon Inc. It was moved, seconded and carried that the nominations be closed, and the clerk instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in her favor.

The synod Property Forms were referred to the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Walkup moved that the meeting be adjourned., to the call of the president. It was seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned.



Following the meeting of Presbytery Inc., the meeting of Presbytery reconvened at 2:05 pm. with prayer by the Moderator Mr. Cleworth.

The following members were enrolled:

The Rev. Mr. John Seibert

Faith Presbyterian, Anchorage

Mr. Clarke Lethin, Principal

Faith Presbyterian, Anchorage

To fill unexpired terms on permanent committees, the following were elected:

1. United Promotion, -Mrs. Davis to replace Mrs. Koehler
2. Foreign Missions, The Rev. Mr. John Seibert to replace Mr. H. Johnson
3. Pensions, -The Rev. Mr. John Stokes to replace Mr. Johnson
4. Christian Education, - The Rev. Mr. Neil Munro, to replace Mr. Weeks

Dr. Armstrong was asked to contact Presbyterial to establish co-operation between this group and the permanent committees of the Presbytery.

It was moved seconded and carried that the nominations of the committee be accepted and a unanimous ballot be cast for them.

The Vice Moderator, Mr. Weeks took the chair while the moderator, Mr. Cleworth gave his report for the Christian Education Committee. The report is on file.

Mr. Walkup recommended that someone from Sheldon Jackson Junior College come to the Presbytery's conferences, at their own expense, to take part in the conference, and promote the work of the school. It was moved, seconded and carried that the committee write to Sheldon Jackson with this recommendation.

Pamphlets were presented for the Christian Education emphasis on junior work, also on vocational guidance work.

Advertising materials for King's Lake Camp were issued. It was moved seconded and carried that an expression of thanks go to Mr. Cleworth for his excellent work in advertising.

It was moved seconded and carried that the target date for registration for camp be one week prior to camping date for all Presbytery camps.

The Rev. Mr. Diehl was enrolled from the Highway Mobile Ministry.

The report of the Christian education Committee was tabled to hear the report from the Presbyterial.

Mrs. L. M. Puckett, the outgoing President of Presbyterial, reported on the work of the past year with the women's organization. She said that there were thirteen societies, and that on this date, the fourteenth was added as the Big Delta society joined Presbyterial. She reported her trip to National meeting at Purdue. Mrs. Eva Reese was elected as President and will represent Presbyterial at the Western Conference in Berkeley.

The report of the Alaska Synod plan is on file. It was moved, seconded and carried that all action be tabled until such time as the Alaska and Yukon Presbyteries can meet together.

Mr. Walkup presented the overtures from General Assembly, A, B, C, D, E, G. and F. Each overture was considered and approved separately in the affirmative. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report of the whole committee be accepted.

The meeting was recessed for Tea, with prayer by Mr. Munro.

Presbytery was reconvened at 4:10 pm., with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bingle.

The Christian Education report continued with Mr. Cleworth reporting that we have insurance for Summer camps and for retreats. The policy covering retreats must have a \$100 deposit at the beginning of the year before it can be issued. It was moved, seconded and carried that the chairman of the committee be given the power to find the best possible coverage, and have the policy issued for retreats.

Dr. Armstrong presented the Fall and Winter plan for Christian Education on a family scale. The theme is "Round Up For Parents".

It was moved seconded and carried that the committee set up an annual conference or work shop team on Christian Education and to investigate the possibility of having a team every second year from the Board in Philadelphia.

It was moved seconded and carried that the report of the Christian Education Committee be received with the recommendations adopted, with commendations for a fine report.

The report of the Sessional Records is on file. It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the United Protestant Church of Palmer be included with the minutes of Council. It was moved seconded and carried that the report of the committee on Sessional Records be accepted.



It was moved seconded and carried that Presbytery recess until 8:45am. April 13th. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator.

APRIL 13, 1955

The meeting was reconvened at 8:50 Am., with a devotional thought and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wartes.

The minutes of the previous day were read. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes of Presbytery Inc. be read also. The minutes were approved as read with the following corrections:

1. The Rev. Mr. Diehl represents the Alaska Highway work.
2. Candidates for the Ministry are Victor Urban, George Lauer, and James Caulkins.
3. Mr. Ware was announced as the Chairman of the Judicial Committee of the Presbytery, not of the Presbytery Inc.
4. The recommendations of Mr. Wartes that the Presbytery form a committee on Evangelism was not included
5. The enrollment of Chaplain Mc Callum of the East Hanover Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church U. S., as a corresponding member was not included.

All enrolled members of Presbytery were present with the addition of the following:

Elder A.A. Mac Gilvray Big Delta Presbyterian  
Elder Marion Horton to be Principal from First Presbyterian, Fairbanks

The Rev. Mr. Marlin Day, Chaplain of Mt. Edgecombe School, Corresponding member

The Rev. Mr. J. Earl Jackman, Jersey City Presbytery, corresponding member

The Rev. Mr. D. W. Cram, Seattle Presbytery, corresponding member  
Chaplain Col. Roy MacLeod, Dallas Presbytery, corresponding member

The report of the National Missions committee is on file.

At 10:00am., Presbytery combined its meeting with Presbyterial to hear Dr. Jackman's report and the report of the Missionary pastors.

Reports from the following Missionary Pastors were read and placed on file.

1. Mr. Campbell of Gambell read by Mr. Walkup
2. Mr. Weeks of Woodland Park, Spenard
3. Mr. Ware of Hillcrest, Anchorage
4. Mr. Bingle of the Railbelt
5. Mr. Ahmaogak of Wainwright
6. Mr. Stokes of University Community, College
7. Mr. Seibert, Faith, Anchorage
8. Mr. Wartes of Barrow

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting recess for lunch to reconvene at 1:30 pm. Dr. Armstrong closed with prayer.

The meeting was reconvened with prayer by Chaplain Mc Callum at 3:00pm. Reports continued.

9. Mr. Wartes continued his report.
10. Mr. Cleworth, United Protestant, Palmer, First Presbyterian, Wasilla.
11. Mr. Munro, Big Delta and Fairbanks
12. Mr. Diehl, Alaska Highway

The Rev. Mr. William Heynen of the Minnesota Classis of the Christian Reformed Church was enrolled as a corresponding member.

The Moderator of Presbytery presented the Moderator of General Assembly, Dr. Ralph W. Lloyd, to speak before the combined meeting of Presbytery and Presbyterial.

The report of the committee on care and oversight of candidates is on file. It was reported that Mr. Victor Urban had been assigned parts. Mr. George Lauer has left the Territory but will study at Whitworth. Mr. James Caulkins is attending Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana

Mr. Richard Arney was introduced to the Presbytery. He will be presented at the Fall meeting of Presbytery to be taken under care. It was moved, seconded and carried, that the report of the committee on Care and Oversight of Candidates be accepted.

As it was impossible for Mr. Samuel Simmons of Barrow to be present at this session of Presbytery, Dr. Lloyd, Dr. Cram, and Mr. Wartes, while Dr. Lloyd and Dr. Cram were in Barrow, examined Mr. Simmons in theology and polity. Dr. Jackman reported favorably that Mr. Simmons has a good understanding of these fields.



It was moved, seconded and carried that in lieu of the report of the examining committee, Mr. Samuel Simmons be commissioned as a Lay Preacher for one year, and that the Rev. Mr. Wartes, and the Rev. Mr. Ahmoagak be appointed to commission Mr. Simmons.

The Rev. Mr. D.J. Bingle nominated the Rev. Mr. Victor I. Alfson to be the Pastor Commissioner to Synod. It was moved seconded and carried that the nominations be closed and the clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Alfson as Pastor Commissioner to Synod.

The Rev. Mr. Anderson of the Peace River Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Canada was enrolled as a member(corresponding).

The Rev. Mr. Walkup nominated elder Margaret Miller as elder delegate to Synod. It was moved, seconded and carried that the temporary clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Miller as elder commissioner to Synod.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the clerk send a letter of endorsement of the Bishop Commissioner as the Presbytery's nomination as Moderator of Synod and that the clerk, with the help of Mrs. Alfson, prepare a biographical sketch of Mr. Alfson and send the information to the office of the Stated Clerk of Synod.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Alfson follow Mr. Ahmoagak in succession of eligibility as bishop commissioner to General Assembly.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that Mr. Walkup be allowed to drop back a year in the succession of eligibility as delegate, to go in 1956.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be recessed for Tea. The Rev. Mr. Ralph Weeks closed with prayer.

The meeting was reconvened with prayer by Rev. Heynen.

The Rev. Mr. Lowell M Campbell was nominated as bishop commissioner to General Assembly in 1955. It was moved, seconded and carried that the nominations be closed and the clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Campbell as the Bishop Commissioner to General Assembly, for 1955.

Elder Edwin Suddock of Anchorage First Presbyterian Church was elected elder delegate to General Assembly for 1955. Elder George Parkko was elected as alternate.

Elder Beatrice Huntley was elected alternate elder delegate to Synod.

Mr. Bingle was elected Alternate Bishop delegate to General Assembly.

It was decided that the commissioner to Synod in 1955 be a commission to bring in recommendations to Presbytery of a system of rotation for delegates to Synod and General Assembly.

#### NATIONAL MISSIONS REPORT CONTINUED:

Mr William Siemens reported on his work with the Eskimos in the Fairbanks area.

Dr. Jackman reported that the Rev. Mr. Elmer Parker will cover the field at St. Lawrence Island while Mr. Campbell is at General Assembly and on furlough.

It was moved, seconded and carried that all baptismal, marriage, and funeral records from unorganized churches be placed on file with the clerk of Presbytery.

It was decided that Presbytery limit all reports from missionary pastors to five minutes.

Mr. Alfson presented a request from a Mr. O'Connell of Anaktuvik Pass to have more regular services and to build a chapel. This was referred to the National Missions committee.

The report of the National Missions Committee was accepted.

The meeting was recessed with prayer by Mr. Alfson until after the popular meeting in the evening.



The meeting was reconvened with prayer by Mrs. Beatrice Huntley.

Mr. Alfsen presented Dr. Jackman with a check for \$100.00, the evening offering, to go to the Arctic Travel Scholarship Fund.

Dr. Jackman presented the proposed work of the General Assembly's Division on Evangelism. A program of eight day campaigns of saturation evangelism in local areas is the goal. He informed Presbytery that Dr. Templeton will be in the Territory in September to set up the mechanics of this program. It was proposed that the evangelism program be held in the third week in October.

A permanent committee on evangelism was formed for the Presbytery.  
Rev. Mr. John Stokes, Chrm.  
Rev. Mr. John Seibert  
Mr. Edwin Suddock

The report of the committee on Resolutions:

RESOLVED, that Presbytery express its thanks to the First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks for its gracious hospitality. Especially would we thank the ladies who served us so bountifully at mealtime. The people of the University Community Church are included in the commendations.

RESOLVED, that the office of the General Assembly be thanked for including Alaska in the itinerary of the Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. Mr. Ralph Waldo Lloyd. Thanks also are due Dr. Lloyd for his time and addresses. We salute Mrs. Lloyd who accompanied him.

RESOLVED, that Dr. J. Earl Jackman, and Dr. R. Rolland Armstrong carry to the Alaska Presbytery, which meets next week, our Christian greeting. We express a desire to meet in some sort of meeting in the late summer, and ask that they communicate with our Moderator regarding the same.

The Judicial committee's recommendations were adopted as follows: With the call of the Fall meeting of Presbytery, there shall be a call for the meeting of the Presbytery of Yukon Inc., to consider the changes of the By-laws in the articles of incorporation, and that the contemplated changes be included in the call.

Following the finance committee report, which made these recommendations the treasurer was authorized to pay the 1954 per capita tax due Synod at 26¢.

Mr. Martes is to correspond with Mr. Campbell and Miss Avery to gain the attitude of the Eskimo churches concerning the assessment of the per capita tax and report at a subsequent meeting of Presbytery.

The per capita tax for 1956 be 80¢.

The report of the finance committee was accepted.

National Missions committee, continued:

The organization of the Big Delta Presbyterian Church is to be carried out and a commission consisting of the Moderator Mr. Cleworth, Mr. Weeks, Mr. Alfsen, Mr. Diehl, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Bingle, and Mr. Munro, organize the church on May 22, 1955.

The report of the National Missions committee was accepted.

Miscellaneous Business:

The commissioners to General assembly were delegated as commissioners to the pre-Assembly conference on evangelism.

The clerk is to notify the chairman of the Synod committee on United Promotion that the commissioner from this Presbytery is chairman of the Presbytery committee on United Promotion.

It was requested that travel allowance for two meetings of the permanent committees be granted each year.

The clerk was requested to send a letter to Mrs. W. C. Mau, expressing the sorrow of the Presbytery, and its gratitude for the services rendered to it by elder Waldemar C. Mau, who passed away February 22, 1955.

The invitation of the Woodland Park Presbyterian Church to hold Spring meeting of Presbytery there was accepted. Dr. Armstrong and the clerk were commissioned to set the date and place for the Fall meeting.

It was requested that a telegram be sent Mr. Campbell to inform him of his election as commissioner of General Assembly, and that his field would be covered, allowing him time to prepare to leave early on furlough.



The following members of the Yukon Presbyterial were selected to act as cooperating members on the following committees:

Stewardship and Promotion,-Mrs. Cleworth, Mrs. Stokes  
Christian Education and action,- Mrs. Laura Joyce  
National Missions,- Mrs. John Puffe  
Foreign Missions,- Mrs. Frank Walkup

The following resolution was adopted:- Be it resolved that the area from Big Gerstle to the Canadian Border and all of the areas adjacent to the Alaska Highway and Glenn Highway, be known as the Alaska Highway Presbyterian Mission. Until such time as the area petitions to be a regular organized church, that all memberships, and other vital statistics be registered with Presbytery.

The request from Anuktuvik Pass was referred to Dr. Armstrong to be checked in Juneau.

Mr. Stokes announced that the University Community Presbyterian Church is building a building with aid from the Board of National Missions, of \$4000.00 and \$4000.00 that they are raising themselves.

Mr. Bingle announced that he will be building a chapel at Suntrana this summer.

The minutes of the June 16, 1954 and July 25th 1954 meetings of Presbytery were read and approved.

The minutes of the April 13, 1955 meeting were accepted as read.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery adjourn to meet at the call of the Moderator. The meeting was closed with Prayer by the Moderator.

Margaret T. Miller, Sec'y  
Neil Munro, Temp. Clerk



## DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY IN PRESBYTERY OF YUKON

### I Presbytery

- A. Presbytery sets up the overall program for each National Missions project and
  - 1. Checks on established work by monthly reports for Presbytery, annual reports on status of the fields.
  - 2. Review work laid out by National Missions Committee for each new project.
- B. The National Mission Committee acting as the Committee on Ministerial Relations, is to be contacted when personnel problems arise on individual fields by appeal from either the church or pastor.
  - 1. A National Missions field can never be considered as a self-supporting church whose pastor and session are the governing body in matters of discipline and program.
  - 2. The missionary pastor is to be allowed much independence in thinking and work, but when a question arises that makes for division and dissension on the field the pastor or session can never be considered as the one who is to give the final say. This must go before the National Missions Committee for review and decision.
- C. The National Mission Committee is to make recommendations to presbytery when appeals from a pastor or from a field are not resolved by Committee action.
- D. The National Missions Committee will consult with and seek the advice of the Board's representative on the field. The Committee is further obligated to carry out the program of the Board of National Missions. The Committee and the Board of National Missions will have final say on program, and it is expected that this program be carried out by pastors and sessions.
- E. It is further understood that other Departments of Work of the Board of National Missions, aside from the Unit of work in Alaska and Sunday School missions (Committee on Chaplains, Ed. and Med. and Radio and TV) will be subject to review by the National Missions Committee of the Presbytery. A report of each Department referred to above will be given to the National Missions Committee before



the Spring Presbytery each year that it may be incorporated in the committee's report.

## II The Secretary of The Department of Work in Alaska

- A. The Secretary is the administrator of the church work and related projects in Alaska. His office is to see that the Program as laid out by the National Missions committee is carried out with efficiency and satisfaction to all concerned.
- B. The Secretary is to be the go-between from the Board to the Presbytery. Programs and policies as laid out by the Board are to be brought before the National Missions Committee of the Presbytery so they can be incorporated into the Committee's Program. This then will be passed down to the individual under the employment of the Board. He is also to give advice on what the Presbytery's program should be.
- C. Dr. Jackman is also to give advice
  - 1. to the individual church
  - 2. to the individual missionary
  - 3. to the Presbytery as a whole
  - 4. and also take our requests back to the National Headquarters with advice to them.
- D. The Secretary is to suggest budget requirements for field and salary, benevolence quotas for Stewardship and Promotion.
- E. The Secretary is to allot the funds for each field from National Headquarters.

## III The Assistant Secretary of the Units of Work in Alaska

- A. The Assistant Secretary is a member of the National Staff and assistant to the Secretary of Units of Work in Alaska.
  - 1. We look to him for leadership.
  - 2. We look to him for inspiration.
  - 3. We owe to him the honor that would come to a member of the staff who is to look after each of our needs.



- . Assistant Secretary is to supervise the carrying out of the Program as laid out by the Committee on National Missions of the Presbytery in conjunction with the Board of National Missions.
- C. As the Secretary is responsible to the Board of National Missions and to the Presbytery of Yukon, so the Assistant Secretary is responsible to the Secretary and equally responsible to this Presbytery.
- D. The Assistant Secretary is to be an advisor to New York. He is to learn what the wishes on the field are in individual cases and give advice and suggestions to the New York office so overall policies can be formulated and individual problems solved.
  - 1. He is the fact finder for the Presbytery and the Board.
  - 2. He is to be "trouble-shooter" for the National Missions Committee when the problem is too large for the Committee to handle.
- E. The Assistant Secretary is to give direction on financial matters.
  - 1. He is to suggest each field's portion of financial responsibility.
  - 2. He is to see that funds rec'd from the Board are spent as allocated.
- F. The Assistant Secretary is to report his activities, and recommendations at both spring and autumn meetings of the Presbytery.
- G. The Assistant Secretary should be at both spring and autumn meetings of Presbytery and Presbytery should plan no meeting at which he could not be present. This arrangement should be broken only by written consent of both Presbytery and the Assistant secretary.



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Barrow	540	541	1	540	530	-10	750	8%	44	3500	4000	4000
Big Delta	13	17	4	45	65	20	150	4%	2	-	1200	1200
College	76	93	17	132	125	-7	1200	10%	8	1500	2100	2100
Fairbanks, First	272	314	42	199	276	77	3800	15%	34		Self Supporting Church	
Healy Fork, Railbelt	19	19	0	60	56	-4	100			1500	2000	2000
Palmer	158	172	14	143	190	47	1400	10%	6	3400	3900	3900
St. Lawrence Island Gambell	164	173	9	190	200	10	250	10%	19	750	900	900
Savoonga	170	178	8	133	108	-25	286	33%	15	500	700	640
Spenard, Woodland Pk.	127	155	28	377	375	-2	1000	5%	26	2700	3600	3600
Wainwright	116	116	0	113	127	14	500	50%	7	700	1000	1000
Wasilla	20	29	9	34	43	9	250	10%	6	900	1200	1200
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## PRESBYTERY OF YUKON

Adopted March 19, 1957

## I - BOUNDARIES

The geographical territory of the Presbytery of Yukon shall include the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Judicial Divisions of the Territory of Alaska.

## II - MEETINGS

The Stated Meetings of the Presbytery shall convene as follows:

Spring - 9:00 A.M. on the first Thursday after Easter Sunday.

Summer - at King's Lake Camp at the call of the Moderator.

Fall - 1:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday after World Wide Communion Sunday.

The place and time of each meeting will be designated by the Presbytery at the last Stated Meeting, but may be changed by a vote of the Executive Committee of the Council of Presbytery.

Pro-re-nata Meetings shall convene upon official notice by the Moderator or the Stated Clerk, when the meeting is called as directed by the Form of Government, Chapter X, Section 9. Any Church or minister at whose instance a pro-re-nata meeting is called shall pay a fee of \$10.00 toward the cost of the meeting.

## III - RULES OF ORDER

Presbytery shall be governed in its proceedings by the "General Rules for Judicatories" in use by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. In cases not covered by the aforementioned rules, the meeting will be governed by "Robert's Rules of Order."

## IV - MEMBERSHIP

A - All ministers who have been officially received into this Presbytery; and one ruling Elder from each Church, officially commissioned by the Session of said Church to represent the Church at that particular meeting, shall constitute Presbytery (if a church has a pastor and an associate pastor it is entitled to two ruling elder representatives).

B - Ministers coming from other denominational bodies may be admitted to this Presbytery only upon receipt of their credentials; and after satisfactory examination by the Presbytery as to their fitness for the sacred office. (Form of Government, Chap. 10, Sec. 14; Digest, pp. 562 and 638.)

C - Ministers of this Presbytery who fail to attend meetings of Presbytery and who fail to present adequate excuses shall be subject to discipline in accordance with the Form of Government.



## V - OFFICERS

A - Moderator: A Moderator shall be elected the last day of each Spring Stated Meeting for a term of one year, or until his successor is elected. He shall assume the duties of his office immediately following his election.

B - Vice-Moderator: A Vice-Moderator shall be elected the last day of each Spring Stated Meeting for a term of one year.

C - Stated Clerk: A Stated Clerk shall be elected for a term of two years at the Spring Stated Meeting in each odd numbered year. He shall assume the duties of his office at that Spring Stated Meeting.

D - Treasurer: A Treasurer shall be elected for a term of two years at the Spring Stated Meeting in each even numbered year. He shall assume the duties of his office at that Spring Stated Meeting.

E - Reporting Clerk: A Reporting Clerk shall be appointed for one year by the Moderator immediately after the constitution of the Spring Stated Meeting.

## VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A - The Moderator shall perform the duties of his office as provided in the "Form of Government", Chapter XIX, and the "General Rules for Judicatories" for the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

He shall arrange for the conduct of the Worship Service at the opening of each Stated Meeting; as retiring Moderator, he shall deliver the sermon at the convening of the Spring Stated Meeting.

He shall be the Moderator and convenor of the Council of Presbytery.

B - The Vice Moderator shall preside at Presbytery and Council Meetings when called upon by the Moderator, and take up the duties of the Moderator upon the absence or demise of the Moderator.

C - The Stated Clerk shall be custodian of all the records and documents of the Presbytery, and of the records and documents of the Corporation of Presbytery.

The Clerk shall at each Stated Meeting present a roll of Presbytery, indicating ministers present and absent, the churches represented and unrepresented. For reference he shall have a copy of the latest edition of the Approved Digest, the Minutes of the preceding General Assembly, the latest edition of the Constitution, a copy of the newest Manual for Church Officers, the latest Minutes of Synod, and the Book of Common Worship.

The Clerk shall notify each Minister, and the Clerk of Session, of each vacant Church, at least ten days previous of the time and place of meetings of Presbytery, and for the Stated Meetings will include a docket.

The Clerk shall keep careful records of the Minutes of Presbytery, the Minutes of the Corporation of Presbytery, and the Minutes of the Council; and shall send copies of same to all ministers and Clerks of Sessions.

The Clerk shall present for review at the Spring Stated Meeting the Statistical Report submitted to the General Assembly.

The Clerk shall, with the Vice-Moderator, constitute the Committee on Absences and Synod Minutes.

The Stated Clerk's salary shall be \$50.00 per annum, and he shall be allowed miscellaneous expenses necessary to his office, including travel to special meetings.

D - The Treasurer shall serve as treasurer of the Presbytery and of the Corporation of Presbytery. He shall present at each Stated Meeting an itemized account of all funds received and expended.



E - The Reporting Clerk shall assist the Stated Clerk at each meeting of the Presbytery and shall report the proceedings of the Presbytery to the press, radio, and television stations in the bounds of the Presbytery.

## VII - THE COUNCIL OF PRESBYTERY

A - The Council of Presbytery shall consist of the Moderator, past-Moderator, Chairmen of Permanent Committees, and the two Elders elected at large annually at the Spring Stated Meeting. The Moderator is the Chairman and the Stated Clerk is Secretary, and a quorum shall be four (4) members.

B - The Council shall serve in all administrative functions of the Presbytery, including the following:

1. It shall serve as the Nominating Committee of Presbytery, and shall obtain the consent of all those nominated prior to the meeting when elections take place. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Presbytery.
2. The Council shall prepare the dockets for the Stated Meetings.
3. The Council shall consider and report on all Bills and Overtures to the Presbytery for action.
4. The Council may be authorized to act upon behalf of Presbytery when directed by a Stated Meeting of Presbytery, or a regularly called pro-re-nata meeting, the call of which shall clearly specify the authority to be given to the Council.
5. The Council shall meet at the call of the Moderator or the Stated Clerk upon one week's notice.
6. The Council shall be authorized travel allowances not to exceed four (4) meetings.
7. The Minutes of all Council meetings shall be presented at the next following Stated Meeting.

## VIII - PERMANENT COMMITTEES

A - Presbytery shall be organized into the following Permanent Committees:

1. The Committee on Ministerial Relations, which shall consist of three (3) Ministers and three (3) Elders.
  - (a) The Assistant Secretary for the Department of Work in Alaska, Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., when a member of this Presbytery, shall be one of the Minister members of this Committee.
2. The Committee on Christian Education, which shall consist of four (4) Ministers and two (2) Elders.
3. The Committee on Outreach and Evangelism, which shall consist of three (3) Ministers and three (3) Elders.
4. The Committee on Stewardship and Promotion, which shall consist of two (2) Ministers and two (2) Elders.

B - Nominations for membership shall be made by the Council of Presbytery; and additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Presbytery.

C - The Election of Permanent Committees shall be by the Presbytery at the Spring Stated Meeting. The terms of office shall be three years, and the initial classes decided by lot.

D - No Chairman of a Permanent Committee may succeed himself after he has served a three-year term, or until the lapse of at least one year.



E - Each Permanent Committee shall make an Annual Written Report at the Stated Meeting indicated in the Standing Rules. Committees may offer verbal reports at any meeting.

## IX - DUTIES OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES

### A - Committee on Christian Education:

1. The functions of the Committee shall be to help and guide the Presbytery and the Churches in their total Christian Education program.
2. The Committee shall be the agency of the Board of Christian Education and its various departments, and in cooperation with Synod's Field Director of Christian Education.
3. The Chairman of this Committee shall serve on Synod's Committee on Christian Education, while other members of the Committee will be selected by this Committee to represent the Presbytery on Synod's Committees for other agencies included in the work of Christian Education.
4. The Committee shall be responsible for the development and execution of the summer camp program for the Churches in the Presbytery.
5. The Committee shall be responsible for the care and oversight of candidates for the Gospel Ministry.
6. The Committee shall make an Annual Written Report to Presbytery at the Spring Stated Meeting.
7. This Committee shall be authorized travel allowances for two (2) meetings annually.

### B - Committee on Outreach and Evangelism:

1. The function of this Committee shall be to help and guide the Churches of Presbytery in their programs for Foreign Missions, National Missions and Evangelism.
2. This Committee shall be the agency in Presbytery for the Boards of Foreign and National Missions and the Department of Evangelism.
3. The Committee is charged with the duties of Church extension, and is the advisor to any National Missions personnel or Sunday School Missionaries working within the bounds of Presbytery.
4. The Chairman of the Committee shall represent the Presbytery on Synod's Committee on National Missions. Other member(s) shall be chosen by the Committee to represent Presbytery on Synod's Foreign Missions Committee and Evangelism Committee. Other members of this committee shall be selected by the Committee to represent Presbytery on any Synod Committees whose work is included in the work of this Committee.
5. This Committee shall make an Annual Written Report to Presbytery at the Spring Stated Meeting.
6. This Committee shall be authorized travel allowances for two (2) meetings annually.

### C - Committee on Stewardship and Promotion:

1. It shall be the function of this committee to direct all matters of promotion of the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery benevolences.
2. It shall be the agency of the Department of Stewardship and Promotion of the General Council. It shall interpret the materials for Planned Education and Youth Stewardship, with the cooperation of Synod's staff.
3. It shall be the agency of the magazine "Presbyterian Life" within the Presbytery.
4. An Elder of this committee shall be appointed by the committee to represent Presbytery on Synod's Council of Presbyterian Men.



5. The Chairman of this committee shall represent Presbytery on Synod's Stewardship and Promotion Committee.
6. Other members of the committee shall be selected by the committee to represent Presbytery on any Synod committee whose work relates to this committee.
7. The committee shall have charge of the promotion of all special fund drives designated by the General Assembly, Synod or Presbytery, e.g. Capital Funds Drive, One Great Hour of Sharing.
8. The committee shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery and of the Treasurer of the Corporation of Presbytery after the close of the calendar year, and make its report to the Presbytery at the Spring Stated Meeting.
  - (a) An audit shall also be made upon change of treasurers.
9. The committee shall recommend a yearly budget and the per capita communicant apportionment at the Fall Stated Meeting, to meet the needs of Presbytery for the coming year.
10. This committee shall make an Annual Written Report at the Fall Stated Meeting and shall meet prior to the Fall Stated Meeting.
11. This committee shall be authorized travel allowance for one (1) meeting per year.

D - Committee on Ministerial Relations:

1. The function of this committee shall be to establish and maintain the spiritual and temporal welfare of the ministers and churches of Presbytery.
2. It shall supervise Churches without pastors, including those Churches receiving aid from the Board of National Missions, in the following ways:
  - (a) By working in close cooperation with the Department of Work in Alaska, Board of National Missions in churches receiving aid from the Board of National Missions.
  - (b) By conferring with Church Sessions regarding temporary pulpit Supplies.
  - (c) By conferring with Sessions regarding Missionary-Pastors and their relationship to the Presbytery.
  - (d) By advising Churches regarding the calling of a Pastor. The Presbytery shall permit a call to be placed in the hands of a Minister only when the nominating committee of the Church has thus consulted with, and the call has been approved by the Ministerial Relations Committee before the name of the Minister is presented to the Congregation.
  - (e) By conferring with the Committee on Outreach and Evangelism regarding Churches where aid is received before recommending that a Minister be settled.
  - (f) By visiting and counseling with Churches in which difficulties have arisen.
3. Two Minister members of this committee shall serve as the Presbytery's Committee on Christian Marriage.
4. It shall make a Written Report at each Stated Meeting on all Churches with stated Supplies, and Churches without pastors.
5. It shall be Presbytery's agent on Pensions and Relief; and the agency of the Board of Pensions.
6. It shall make a yearly study of salaries of Ministers within the Presbytery with the purpose of recommending minimum salaries.
7. The Chairman of the committee shall be delegated to represent Presbytery on Synod's Committee on Ministerial Relations.
8. This committee shall be authorized travel allowance for two (2) meetings annually.



## X - SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The following Special Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator at each Stated Meeting:

(a) Session Records

(b) Resolutions

The Moderator shall appoint additional Special Committees as directed by the Presbytery.

The Committee on Arrangements for each meeting of Presbytery shall consist of the Moderator and Session of the Church in which Presbytery is meeting. The Moderator of the Session shall be Chairman.

## XI - COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND DELEGATES TO SYNOD

Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly and/or Synod shall be as follows:

A - Ministers:

1. In the election of Bishop Delegates to the General Assembly or Delegate to Synod, the Minister who has served the longest time in the Presbytery without having been or since having been a Commissioner to the Assembly or Delegate to Synod from this Presbytery, and who at the time is engaged in full time service as Pastor, Missionary-Pastor, Sunday School Missionary, Stated Supply, Associate or Assistant Pastor, Student Pastor, Field Representative of Presbytery, Synod or the Boards, may have priority of nomination. Nothing shall prevent the nomination of any minister in good and regular standing.
2. A period of not more than twelve months without pastoral, stated supply or active duty shall be permitted a Minister before losing his turn on the roll of prospective Commissioners and/or Delegates.
3. The Stated Clerk shall keep a list of all the Ministers of Presbytery, date of ordination, and/or reception into the Presbytery; and when last a Commissioner to the General Assembly and/or Delegate to Synod; also the dates when any Minister refused to allow his name to be presented as a candidate for election, or declined to attend when elected.
4. Any Minister who refuses to be a candidate when his turn arrives shall be passed by, unless his reasons for not being a Commissioner or Delegate that year seem valid to the Council of Presbytery.
5. Bishop Commissioners to the General Assembly and Delegates to Synod shall be nominated at the Fall Stated Meeting, and elected at the Spring Stated Meeting.

B - Ruling Elders:

1. The election of Ruling Elder Commissioners shall be according to the chronological order of the organization of the Churches of Presbytery. Nothing shall prevent the nomination of any Ruling Elder in good and regular standing.
2. The Church first in the chronological order of organization and longest without a Commissioner to General Assembly and/or Delegate to Synod shall nominate the Elder Commissioner to the General Assembly and/or Delegate to Synod. The Church next in order and longest without a Commissioner to General Assembly and/or Delegate to Synod shall nominate the Alternate Elder Commissioner and Delegate, unto the second and third alternates.
3. The Churches in line for nominating the Elder Commissioner or Delegate and the Alternate Elder Commissioner or Delegate shall be informed of their turn at the Fall Stated Meeting; and shall be notified again by the Stated Clerk one month in advance of the Spring Stated Meeting of Presbytery, so that said Churches may come to the Spring Stated Meeting prepared to nominate Elders who can and will attend the General Assembly and/or Synod if elected.



4. An Elder nominated by his Session for election to the General Assembly should, if possible, attend the Spring Stated Meeting of Presbytery, when Commissioners are nominated and elected.
5. The Stated Clerk shall keep a Roll of Churches in Chronological Order of Organization stating the date when each Church had an Elder Commissioner or Delegate, and his name; also when any Church passed by its turn by not presenting nominations for Elder Commissioner or Delegate to Synod.

C - Commissioners to the General Assembly shall represent the Presbytery at the Pre-Assembly Conference on Evangelism when possible.

## XII - MISCELLANEOUS RULES

A - Amending the Rules: These Standing Rules may be amended as follows:

1. The proposed amendment may be submitted to the Presbytery at any meeting of the Presbytery.
2. The proposed amendment shall then be referred to the Council of Presbytery for further study.
3. The proposed amendment shall be submitted by the Council at the next Stated Meeting, and may be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority, a quorum being present.

B - Call to a Minister:

1. A call of the Church to a Minister shall be made on the form approved by the General Assembly, and shall be in triplicate: One copy to be retained by the Session of the Church, and incorporated into the Session Records; one copy of the Call shall be filed by the Stated Clerk of Presbytery, when Presbytery approves the Call; one copy shall be placed in the hands of the Pastor-elect by the Presbytery.
2. Attached to the Call there should be a report and the recommendation of the Ministerial Relations Committee of Presbytery.
3. All changes in the Call shall be reported to the Presbytery following the same procedure.

C - The Settling of a Missionary-Pastor:

1. The approval of appointment of Missionary-Pastors shall be by the Presbytery or by the Council on recommendation of the Ministerial Relations Committee.
2. The Committee on Ministerial Relations shall receive all pertinent data on the person to be appointed and report on such to the Presbytery.
3. The Presbytery or Council shall arrange, at the recommendation of the Ministerial Relations Committee, a service of introduction.

D - The Corporation:

1. The Corporation of the Presbytery of Yukon shall convene at 10 o'clock in the morning on the last day of the Fall and Spring Stated Meetings, and according to the Articles of Incorporation.
2. Three Trustees shall be nominated by the Council of Presbytery and elected by the Corporation of Presbytery, for three year terms; **rotating terms beginning in 1957 to be decided by lot.**
3. The Stated Clerk shall be a member of said Board of Trustees.



4. It shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Corporation to receive, have charge of, invest and disburse all trust funds of Presbytery, according to the terms of the trusts; to receive, hold and transfer title of such property as shall be assigned to said Board of Trustees by the Presbytery; and to report the conditions of the same.
5. The Corporate Name shall be "The Presbytery of Yukon."

E - Reports from the Fields:

1. At each Spring Stated Meeting each National Missions Missionary-Pastor and each Sunday School Missionary shall be given five minutes to report on the activities of his field.
2. At each Spring Stated Meeting the Elder Commissioner from each self-supporting Church in the Presbytery shall be given five minutes to report on the activities of his Church.

### XIII - SESSION RECORDS

Session Records shall be presented to Presbytery each year at the Spring Stated Meeting (Form of Government, Chapter IX, Section 9).

The following rules for keeping Session Records shall be observed, and will be the basis upon which they are examined and approved by the Presbytery.

1. Record the date, time and place of each meeting; the names of the Moderator, the Ruling Elders present; and the names of Elders absent.
2. Record opening and closing each meeting with prayer.
3. Record reading and approval of Minutes of last meeting.
4. Record only vital transactions of the meeting.
5. The details of discussions, plans which have not been adopted, suggestions which have not been followed, motions that have not been carried, should never be recorded except by special order of the Session, of which order the records should take note.
6. When a previous action of the Session is referred to, the page on which it is recorded should be noted.
7. Avoid erasures, interlineations and footnotes.
8. Do not insert or attach in the Session Record book written or printed matter on separate sheets of paper.
9. Record the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the next Session meeting following Communion. If the Sacrament is administered privately, record names of Elders assisting.
10. Record the baptism of adults and infants at the next Session meeting following baptism.
11. Record the full names of applicants for Church membership; in case of married women, the maiden name, and wife or widow of; in case of minors, son or daughter of; and in every case record baptism; also the name of the Church from which received, in case of persons received by letter or transfer.
12. Record the full title of the Church to which a certificate of dismission is granted, the full name of the person dismissed, and the date of dismissal.
13. Record the name of an Elder appointed as a Commissioner to Presbytery or Synod; and also the exact period for which he was appointed Commissioner. Record a Commissioner's reports from Presbytery or Synod.
14. Record the names of Elders when their names are presented to Presbytery for nomination as Elder Commissioner, and Alternate Elder Commissioner, to the General Assembly.



15. When the Session of a Church finds it necessary to exercise discipline, the Form of Government, the Book of Discipline, and the Digest should be carefully studied by a committee of the Session. If discipline is administered, the Minutes of the Session should contain such a record of the proceedings as will enable the Presbytery to know who was disciplined, why, and how. (Book of Discipline, Chapter V, Sec. 14)
16. Once each year, at the conclusion of the final Session Minutes of that year, there should be inserted in full the annual tabular statement which the Session will make to the Presbytery; also the report made to Presbytery of changes in the Ruling Eldership by death or otherwise.
17. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Minutes of all Congregational Meetings shall be recorded in the Session Records.

(The above rules for the keeping of Session Records are taken from the "Manual of Presbyterian Law for Church Officers and Members", 1951 edition, pp. 58-60.)



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MEETING OF PRESBYTERY OF YUKON  
March 19, 1957

The 1957 Spring meeting of Presbytery of Yukon was called to order by the Moderator, the Reverend Ralph Weeks; at 10:15 a.m., March 19, 1957, in the First Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, Alaska. Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The Reverend Ralph Weeks read the Scripture and preached the Moderatorial sermon.

The call to the 1957 Spring meeting of Presbytery of Yukon was read.

The following members were enrolled:

The Reverend Frank Walkup	First Presbyterian; Anchorage
The Reverend John F. Seibert	Faith Presbyterian, Anchorage
The Reverend Paul F. Evans	Hillcrest Presbyterian, Anchorage
The Reverend William Wartes	Barrow Presbyterian
The Reverend Neil E. Munro	Big Delta Presbyterian
The Reverend John C. Stokes	University Community Presbyterian
The Reverend Victor I. Alfsen	First Presbyterian, Fairbanks
The Reverend Bert J. Bingle	Healy Fork, Railbelt
The Reverend Bertram H. Rutan	United Protestant, Palmer
The Reverend Lowell M. Campbell	Gambell Presbyterian
The Reverend Ralph Weeks	Woodland Park, Spenard
The Reverend Roy Ahmaogak	Wainwright Presbyterian
The Reverend Victor C. Urban	Wasilla Presbyterian
The Reverend Robert Boughton	First Presbyterian, Anchorage
The Reverend Edward W. Diehl	Highway Mobile Ministry
The Reverend Brian H. Cleworth	Assistant Secretary, Work in Alaska

Not Present:

The Reverend Percy Ipalook	Chaplain, National Guard Kotzebue
The Reverend Winthrop H. Ware	Buffalo, New York

ELDERS:

Mr. Virgil D. Stone	First Presbyterian; Anchorage
Mr. Roland Flory	Faith Presbyterian, Anchorage
Mrs. Jerry A. Hill	Woodland Park Presbyterian Spenard
Dr. Winston M. Laughlin	United Protestant, Palmer
Mrs. Frances Dinkel	First Presbyterian, Wasilla
Mr. Robert O. Stearly	University Community, College
Mr. Bud Kanayurak	Barrow Presbyterian

Churches without Elder representation:

First Presbyterian, Fairbanks  
Hillcrest Presbyterian, Anchorage  
Big Delta Presbyterian  
Healy Fork, Railbelt  
Gambell Presbyterian  
Savoonga Presbyterian  
Wainwright Presbyterian



The following were enrolled as corresponding members:  
 Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Presbytery of Jersey City  
 Chaplain John M. Hughes, Indianapolis Presbytery  
 Dr. R. Rolland Armstrong, Presbytery of Alaska  
 Dr. Harry Rine DeYoung, Presbytery of Detroit  
 The Reverend Elmer Parker, Presbytery of Alaska

The Reverend Frank Walkup presented the report of the Committee on Arrangements.

Moved, seconded and carried that since the minutes of the Fall, 1956, Yukon Presbytery meeting were mimeographed and sent to all members, Presbytery dispense with the reading of the Fall minutes. The minutes of the Fall, 1956, meeting of Presbytery of Yukon were approved as corrected.

The minutes of the January 15, 1957, Special Meeting of Presbytery of Yukon were read and approved as read.

Moderator Ralph Weeks presented the docket and the following changes:

1. Dr. DeYoung to have the hour beginning at 10:45 a.m., March 19, instead of the scheduled recess for meeting of Permanent Committees.
2. The appointment of standing committees, report of correspondence and assignment of same, and Calls and Dismissions are to be moved up on the docket to follow the appointment of a Temporary Clerk.
3. Report on Minutes of General Assembly by Commissioner and Report on Minutes of Synod of Washington by Commissioner to be moved to Thursday, March 21, at 1:30 p.m.
4. Wednesday, March 20, Devotions to begin at 8 a.m.
5. Miss Dorothy Foster to speak at the 8 p.m. public meeting on Wednesday, March 20.

Moved, seconded and carried that the docket be accepted as amended.

The Reverend B. J. Bingle nominated the Reverend Lowell Campbell to the office of Moderator. Moved, seconded and carried that the polls be closed and the Clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the Reverend Lowell Campbell as Moderator, to take office at the close of the Spring meeting.

Moderator Ralph Weeks appointed the Reverend Paul F. Evans as Temporary Clerk.

Moved, seconded and carried that the appointment of standing committees be delayed until after lunch to give the Moderator opportunity to do his work on the committees, and that Presbytery proceed with the docket.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Stated Clerk be empowered to give the correspondence to the committees concerned.



The Reverend John Stokes, Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism, introduced Dr. Harry Rine DeYoung who gave the first in a series of four messages on "Preaching for a Verdict".

Moderator Ralph Weeks announced the following appointments to the Standing Committees:

Committee on Leave of Absence -- Temporary Clerk to be assisted by the Stated Clerk in ex-officio capacity

Committee on Nominations -- The Reverend John Stokes, Elder Winston Laughlin, the Reverend Bertram Rutan, and the Reverend Lowell Campbell.

Committee on Bills and Overtures -- The Reverend Frank Walkup, The Reverend Edward Diehl, and the Reverend William Wartes

Committee on Sessional Records -- The Reverend Brian Cleworth, The Reverend Paul Evans, Elder Roland Flory, the Reverend Robert Boughton

Committee on Finance -- The Reverend John Seibert, the Reverend Victor Alfsen, Elder Jerry Hill and Elder Virgil Stone

Committee on Resolutions -- The Reverend B. J. Bingle, Elder Robert Stearly, Elder Bud Kanayurak

Moderator Ralph Weeks read a letter from the Reverend Winthrop Ware requesting a transfer from Yukon Presbytery to the Buffalo-Niagara Presbytery providing that Presbytery of Yukon is satisfied with the settlement of the Nunaka Valley situation. Moved, seconded and carried that the Stated Clerk record the affidavit of the destroying of the bonds issued by the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Stated Clerk in company with the Moderator write to the proper office of the Territory of Alaska giving affidavit that the corporation of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is non-existent.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Stated Clerk convey to the Reverend Winthrop Ware Presbytery's satisfaction with the financial arrangements on the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church bond issue and indicate that Presbytery of Yukon will take care of the balance.

Moved, seconded and carried that in view of the fact that the obligations to the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church have been met, the Reverend Winthrop Ware be given a letter of transfer, as per his request, to the Buffalo-Niagara Presbytery.

Moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Special Committee on Standing Rules be made the order of the day at 3:45 in the afternoon of March 19.

Dr. Harry Rine DeYoung gave the second of four lectures in a series titled "Preaching for a Verdict".

The Reverend John Stokes presented the report of the Committee on Evangelism with the following recommendations:



1. The Presbytery of Yukon participate in a presbytery-wide evangelistic preaching mission in October, 1957, as a part of the Alaska Evangelism Mission.

2. The date of the Alaska Evangelism Mission to be October 20-27, 1957.

3. That each Church, following the Outline of Preparations for the Alaska Mission, begin now to develop lay leadership by inspiration and education to do all that is humanly possible to have an effective evangelistic mission which would include friendship calling, a week of preaching mission and a follow-up of calling for commitment.

Moved, seconded and carried that the recommendations of the report be adopted and the report be received.

The Reverend John Stokes presented the report from the Special Committee on Standing Rules. The proposed Standing Rules were discussed and amended. Moved, seconded and carried that the Proposed Standing Rules be adopted as approved ad seriatem, effective immediately.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Chairman of the Committee on Revising the Standing Rules be commended with warm feeling and appreciation for his work and that the committee be discharged promptly.

The Stated Clerk presented her report. Moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Stated Clerk be accepted.

Treasurer Winston Laughlin presented his report. Moved, seconded and carried that the Treasurer's report be received and turned over to the Finance Committee for audit.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Treasurer be allowed to move the accounts from Anchorage to the Matanuska Valley Bank, Palmer.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Eskimo member churches be not billed for communicant apportionment to Synod until Presbytery makes the decision to send an elder delegate.

Presbytery of Yukon recessed to meet at 8:00 a.m., March 20, 1957. Dr. J. Earl Jackman closed with prayer.

Dr. Harry Rine DeYoung spoke at a public meeting at First Presbyterian Church at 8:00 p.m.



MARCH 20, 1957

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 8:15 a.m. The Moderator led in prayer. Dr. Harry Rine DeYoung gave the third lecture in his series on "Preaching for a Verdict".

The roll was called and found to be the same as recorded in the March 19, 1957, minutes. Chaplain James Weaver, a member of Washington City Presbytery, and the Reverend Fred Koschmann, Alaska Presbytery, were enrolled as corresponding members. Miss Olive Fisher, Miss Louise Avery, and Miss Alice Green were recognized and given the privilege of the floor.

The minutes of the previous day, March 19, were read and approved with corrections.

Moved, seconded and carried that the call issued to the Reverend Lowell Campbell by the session of Faith Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, be found in order and placed in Mr. Campbell's hands.

Moved, seconded and carried that a communication go to Faith Presbyterian Church stating that the call to the Reverend Lowell Campbell include a provision that vacation time could be accumulative up to two months.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Committee on Ministerial Relations be instructed to take under consideration the matter of the ministers of self-supporting churches taking the four-months' furlough, and bring a recommendation to the next Presbytery meeting.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Reverend John Seibert be asked to declare the pulpit vacant at the close of the service Sunday, March 24, his last Sunday, instead of March 31st.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Reverend Lowell Campbell and the session of Faith Church be appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation service, to report back to this meeting of Presbytery.

Moved, seconded and carried that the service of introduction of the Reverend Paul F. Evans be spread on the minutes. It is as follows: "Introduction of the Reverend Paul F. Evans, Hillcrest Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, Sunday, January 20, 1957. The Moderator, the Reverend Ralph Weeks, presided and propounded the constitutional questions. Scripture -- The Reverend Robert Boughton; Prayer -- The Reverend John Seibert; Charge to the Congregation -- Chaplain John Hughes; Charge to the Minister -- The Reverend Bertram Rutan; Sermon -- The Reverend Frank Walkup; Benediction -- The Reverend Paul F. Evans."

Moved, seconded and carried that there be a preaching mission to St. Lawrence Island, to both Gambell and Savoonga, by one of the men in the Presbytery in July or August, five days in each place.

*Bert Rutan appointed.*



REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES (All committee reports are on file.)

Stewardship and Promotion Committee report by the Reverend Victor Alfsen. Moved, seconded and carried that the following recommendations be adopted:

1. That Presbytery recognize fully the seriousness of the age in which we live and that we accept the challenge of the General Assembly for the period 1958-1962 and earnestly strive to make every church an "honor" (one dollar benevolence for every two dollars current expense) church.

2. That Presbytery cooperate fully with the anticipated presbytery consultation when we shall be led by the Reverend James Moore, Synod's Chairman of Stewardship and Promotion, and a layman from the Seattle area; said consultation to come near the middle of September.

3. That efforts be made to have the Fairbanks Hospitality House included in Synod-approved benevolent cause, thereby securing full benevolence credit for monies given directly to this project.

4. That every effort be made to encourage each church not already having done so to inaugurate the program of the Youth Budget.

Moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Stewardship and Promotion Committee be received.

National Missions Report

Moved, seconded and carried that field reports be confined to five minutes.

The following missionary pastors orally presented annual reports of activities in their fields: The Reverend Victor C. Urban, the Reverend William Wartes, the Reverend John C. Stokes, the Reverend Bertram Rutan, the Reverend Ralph Weeks, the Reverend Lowell Campbell, the Reverend Neil Munro, the Reverend Roy Ahmaogak, the Reverend Elmer Parker, the Reverend Edward W. Diehl, the Reverend B. J. Bingle, the Reverend Paul Evans, Miss Olive Fisher, Miss Louise Avery, Miss Alice Green.

(National Missions Report to be continued)

Mrs. Arthur Reese, President of Yukon Presbyterial, reported on the work of Presbyterial.

Dr. Harry Rine DeYoung gave the fourth message in his series "Preaching for a Verdict".

Christian Education Committee report by the Reverend Neil Munro. Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery adopt the following recommendations:

1. That Presbytery approve the following appointments for the Kings Lake Presbytery camps for July 28-August 11, 1957:

Camp Director -- The Reverend Neil Munro

Camp Deans -- High School, the Reverend John Stokes Jr. High, the Reverend Bertram Rutan Junior, the Reverend Victor Urban



2. That no meeting of Presbytery be called while any Presbytery camp is in session at King's Lake.

3. That the camp dates be as follows:  
 Junior Camp: July 28-August 3, 1957  
 Jr. and Sr. High: August 4-10, 1957

4. That the Christian Education Committee confer with the Reverend Charles Muir regarding the dates of a Leadership Training Lab School to be held in Anchorage, the possibility of holding the Lab School August 11-18; if this date is satisfactory to proceed on that basis for the Leadership Training Conference. And if the dates cannot be worked out the problem is to go back to the Committee for final action.

5. That the Committee on Christian Education be given authority to divide the \$300 appropriated in the April 1956 meeting of Presbytery to aid in sending delegates to the 1957 Westminster Fellowship National Assembly in Grinnell, Iowa, in the most equitable manner.

6. That a scholarship of \$150 be made available to the Presbytery by Sheldon Jackson Junior College in the name of the Presbytery, and the Committee choose each year the most deserving high school senior from the various churches, and that the first student be chosen to begin school September 5, 1957.

7. That since the growing need for further training of native leadership in our native churches is apparent, and since the appointing of lay preachers is only a stop-gap measure, and the lay leaders need additional training on the field, the Committee is now to survey and implement a program of training and recruiting for native lay leaders for the next ten years. Therefore be it resolved:

- a. That we are working toward full native leadership in the local congregations.
- b. That an active recruiting program be established among the native young people for complete training in full-time church vocations.
- c. That a program be established by the Presbytery to set up scholarships for these native young people.
- d. That the Committee establish a church officer leadership training program specifically designed for native leadership for the interim period until full-time native leadership becomes a reality.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Report be received.

National Missions Committee Report (continued)

Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary of the Department of Work in Alaska, Board of National Missions, spoke to Presbytery.

Presbytery recessed with prayer by Dr. J. Earl Jackman.



## PRESBYTERY OF YUKON, INC.

The President, the Reverend Ralph Weeks, called the meeting of Presbytery of Yukon, Inc., to order. The minutes of the April 7, 1957, meeting were read, and approved with corrections.

The treasurer, Dr. Winston Laughlin, presented his report. Moved, seconded and carried that the treasurer's report be received pending audit.

The Reverend Victor Alfsen reported on the Westgate property.

Moved, seconded and carried that members of the Presbytery here present who were elected trustees at the 1955 meeting of the Corporation be declared as valid members of the Board of Trustees.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Corporation proceed to the nomination and election of Trustees for the Presbytery of Yukon, Inc.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Reverend Ralph Weeks (outgoing Moderator of Presbytery) be considered a bonafide member of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Edgar Philleo and Mr. Paul Greimann, First Presbyterian, Fairbanks, and Mr. Ed Bantz, Woodland Park, Spenard, were nominated to the Board of Trustees.

Moved, seconded and carried that nominations cease and the Clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees.

Moved, seconded and carried that since the chairman will be away from the Territory for four months that he appoint a vice-chairman to call a meeting of the Board of Trustees between now and the next meeting of Presbytery of Yukon, Inc.

The Reverend John Seibert presented the report of the Finance Committee with the following recommendation: That the Committee on Stewardship and Promotion might study the planned expenditures of the Presbytery and planned receipts of the Presbytery to see if they can reconcile the difference and present some possible forms of income to cover the operations of the Presbytery. Moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Finance Committee be received.

The Reverend Frank Walkup briefed the Corporation on the insurance policy for the Presbytery carried through the Townsend Insurance Agency, Anchorage Hotel, Anchorage.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Board of Trustees at their next meeting act upon the recommendations made at the meeting of the Corporation in the Spring of 1956.

Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery of Yukon, Inc., adjourn. The meeting adjourned.

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Following the meeting of Presbytery Inc., Presbytery reconvened at 3:00 p.m. with prayer by Moderator Weeks.

National Missions Committee report (continued)

Mr. Walkup presented the recommendations of the National Missions Committee. Moved, seconded and carried that the following recommendations be adopted:

1. That Miss Olive Fisher be commended on her work in our midst and recommends a committee be formed to consult with her--this committee to be composed of the pastors of the four churches in the Anchorage area plus four laymen, one from each church, two of which should be women, plus a Presbyterian Chaplain and a Presbyterian Chaplain's wife if available.

2. That the Session of the Wasilla Church be asked to reconsider the receiving of the Curry membership on their rolls as a part of their Church and that the matter be referred to the session of the Wasilla Church.

3. That Synod be asked to approve as benevolent causes and amounts of \$5,000 for Hospitality Center at Fairbanks  
                   \$2,500 for Manse at Woodland Park  
                   \$2,500 for Manse at Wasilla  
                   \$5,000 for Sheldon Jackson Junior College.

4. That the Reverend Lowell Campbell be appointed the Presbyterian pastor for the ANS Hospital in Anchorage to replace the Reverend John Seibert.

5. That upon word that Mr. Arthur French is available for assignment in Alaska under our National Board we recommend that the Yukon Presbytery ask Washington Presbytery, under whose care he now is, to ordain him to the Gospel ministry following his graduation from seminary.

6. That the Department of Work in Alaska seek to bring an interne to Alaska to help with the work at Barrow.

7. That the Department of Work in Alaska provide funds and personnel to minister to the Distant Early Warning installations on the Arctic slope, and that the decision as to place of residence of such personnel be left to Dr. J. Earl Jackman.

8. That the Presbytery concur with the sessions of First Church, Fairbanks, and Woodland Park Church, Spenard, in their requests for moderators of their respective sessions during the furlough absence of their ministers.

9. That since the Committee has received a letter from the session of the Wainwright Church indicating that the Reverend Roy Ahmaogak's ministry has been reestablished and fruitful in their midst, a letter be sent to the session of the Wainwright Church expressing Presbytery's appreciation of their cooperation and indicating Mr. Ahmaogak is to resume his full ministerial duties, including the serving of Communion.



10. That Presbytery send a letter to the Reverend Percy Ipalook pointing out the seriousness of his failure to attend Presbytery meetings and his seeming lack of interest in and response to Presbytery and expressing the hope that within the next year he will establish rapport with Presbytery.

11. That the Board of National Missions be asked to appropriate money to buy or build a building for the Hospitality Center in Fairbanks.

12. That the Department of Work in Alaska explore the possibility of having a calling ministry for service personnel in the Fairbanks area

The Reverend Brian Cleworth, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Work in Alaska, spoke to the Presbytery at this time.

Moved, seconded and carried that the National Missions Committee report be received as a whole.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Stated Clerk secure at the expense of Presbytery an up-to-date copy of the Constitution for reference for herself and Presbytery.

Mr. Stokes presented the Nominations Committee Report:

(Figures in parenthesis indicate year term of service ends)

Nominations for Elder members of the Presbyterian Council

Mr. Paul Greimann, First Church, Fairbanks (1958)

Mr. Ed Suddock, First Church, Anchorage (1958)

Nomination for Vice Moderator

The Reverend Neil Munro (1958)

Nominations for Ministerial Relations Committee:

(Ministers)

The Reverend Frank Walkup (1960)

The Reverend Paul Evans (1959)

The Reverend B. J. Bingle (1958)

(Elders)

Mr. Myron Stevens, Faith Church, Anchorage (1960)

Mrs. Frances Dinkle, Wasilla (1959)

Mr. Maurice Johnson, First Church, Fairbanks (1958)

Nominations for Christian Education Committee:

(Ministers)

The Reverend Neil Munro (1960)

The Reverend Bertram Rutan (1960)

The Reverend William Wartes (1959)

The Reverend Victor Urban (1958)

(Elders)

Mr. Clyde Poisal, Wasilla (1960)

Mr. William Townsend, First Church, Anchorage (1959)



Nominations for Outreach and Evangelism Committee:

(Ministers)

The Reverend John Stokes (1960)

The Reverend Ralph Weeks (1959)

The Reverend Ed Diehl (1958)

(Elders)

Mr. Hermann Turner, University Church, College (1960)

Mr. Marion Horton, First Church, Fairbanks (1959)

Miss Alice Green, Faith Church, Anchorage (1958)

Nominations for Stewardship and Promotion Committee:

(Ministers)

The Reverend Victor Alfsen (1960)

The Reverend Roy Ahmaogak (1959)

(Elders)

Mr. George Gustafson, Woodland Park Church, Spenard (1960)

Mr. James Winfree, First Church, Fairbanks (1959)

Moved, seconded and carried that the slate be accepted and a unanimous ballot be cast.

Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery recess until Thursday morning, March 21, at 8:45 a.m. Presbytery recessed with prayer by the Reverend John Seibert.

Miss Dorothy Foster, Assistant Secretary for Women's Work, Board of National Missions, spoke at a public meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, at 8 p.m.

MARCH 21, 1957

The Reverend Bertram Rutan conducted the worship service and led in prayer. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 9:00 a.m. Moderator Ralph Weeks led in prayer.

The roll was called and found to be the same as recorded in the March 19, 1957, minutes with the exception of alternate Elder delegate, Mr. Ed Bantz, Woodland Park Church, attending in the place of Mrs. Jerry Hill. The Reverend Robert Nicholl, Presbytery of Denver, was enrolled as a corresponding member.

The minutes of the previous day, March 20, were read and approved with corrections.

The Reverend Ralph Weeks presented the report of the Foreign Missions Committee. Moved, seconded and carried that the report be received.

Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery write to the Board of Foreign Missions requesting arrangements for a delay in route of Foreign Missions personnel who pass through this section of Alaska in order that the Presbytery Committee on Foreign Missions can arrange itineraries and meetings in Alaska for these foreign missionaries.



Moved, seconded and carried that the Outreach and Evangelism Committee bring a recommendation to the next meeting of Presbytery with regard to a budget to be used for missionary promotion.

The Reverend Roy Ahmaogak presented a report from the Pensions Committee. Moved, seconded and carried that the report be received.

The Reverend Frank Walkup presented a report from the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery adopt the resolution that churches in the Presbytery of Yukon, Synod of Washington, participate in 1957 and thereafter in the Wills Emphasis as an integral part of their stewardship program and that each church appoint a person in the church to be responsible for the Wills Emphasis.

Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery concur with the Presbytery of Winnebago in the Overture to the One Hundred And Sixty-Ninth General Assembly concerning "The Election of Vice Moderators".

Moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Bills and Overtures Committee be received.

The Reverend Victor Alfsen presented a report on the Care and Examination of Candidates: Mr. Richard Barney, Whitworth College  
Mr. James Caulkins, San Francisco  
Theological Seminary  
Mr. Richard Brown, University of  
Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa.

Moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Committee be received.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Stated Clerk send to the candidates under the care of Presbytery the call to Presbytery and also the minutes of that Presbytery.

Moved, seconded and carried that the report of the candidates under the care of Presbytery be a part of the report of the Committee on Christian Education at the summer meeting.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Assistant Secretary for the Department of Work in Alaska be ex-officio member of the Christian Education Committee.

The Reverend Paul Evans presented the report of the Committee on Sessional Records. Moved, seconded and carried that the report be received.

The Reverend Frank Walkup presented a report from the Committee on Ministerial Relations. Moved, seconded and carried that the report be received.



Election of Commissioners and Delegates to General Assembly and Synod:

The Stated Clerk read list of nominations made at the Fall meeting.

Moved, seconded and carried that the polls be closed and the Clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for these candidates:

COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Reverend William Wartes  
The Reverend Lowell Campbell, first alternate  
The Reverend Brian Cleworth, second alternate

ELDER COMMISSIONER TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Reverend Victor Alfsen nominated Elder Paul Greimann, First Church, Fairbanks, as elder delegate to General Assembly. Moved, seconded and carried that nominations be closed and that Mr. Greimann be elected by unanimous ballot as the principal Elder Commissioner.

The Reverend John Stokes nominated Mr. Hermann Turner, Elder, University Community Church, as first alternate Elder Commissioner to General Assembly. (Barrow Church had no name to submit as first alternate Elder Commissioner to General Assembly.) Moved, seconded and carried that the polls be closed and the Clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Elder Turner as first alternate Elder Commissioner.

BISHOP COMMISSIONERS TO SYNOD

The Reverend Lowell Campbell  
The Reverend Ed Diehl, first alternate  
The Reverend Neil Munro, second alternate

Moved, seconded and carried that the polls be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Lowell Campbell as principal and Mr. Ed Diehl and Mr. Neil Munro as first and second alternates.

ELDER COMMISSIONER TO SYNOD

The Reverend Bertram Rutan placed the name of Mr. Howard Estelle as principal Elder Commissioner to Synod.

The Reverend John Stokes placed the name of Mr. Henry Gettinger as first alternate.

The Reverend Neil Munro placed the name of Mr. A. A. MacGillvary as second alternate.

Moved, seconded and carried that the nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for these in the order they appear.

Mr. Harold Gallwas of First Church, Anchorage, reported on the meeting of Presbyterian Men at San Francisco in March, 1957.

The Reverend John Stokes reported for the Committee on Outreach and Evangelism. Moved, seconded and carried that the Reverend Bertram Rutan be sent as Presbytery Evangelist to St. Lawrence Island this summer.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Treasurer of Presbytery be instructed to advance funds to Mr. Rutan for transportation to and return from St. Lawrence Island.



Moved, seconded and carried that a letter be sent to Mr. Donald Lester, Acting Secretary for the Department of Evangelism, expressing Presbytery's appreciation for the ministry of Dr. DeYoung at this meeting of Presbytery, and that a copy of this letter be sent to Dr. DeYoung with a copy also to be sent to the session of his church.

Moved, seconded and carried that a letter be sent to Miss Miriam Henderson expressing Presbytery's appreciation for her work with our young people in our churches last summer.

The death of the following elders was reported:  
 Elder Earl F. Hickok; Faith Presbyterian Church,  
 Elder Walter Huntley, United Protestant Church, October, 1956  
 Elder Harry Seakeakrok, Wainwright Church,

Presbytery instructs its ministers to register with the Stated Clerk all information as to those planning to attend the All-Alaska Conference in August so that word can be forwarded to Dr. J. Earl Jackman.

#### Report on Valley Presbyterian Hospital

The Reverend Bertram Rutan reported that the Third Division Liquor Dealers had proposed that the Valley Presbyterian Hospital might wish to be the recipient of money obtained through raffles. The basic viewpoint of the Board of National Missions was presented. The Hospital Board by a vote of 4 to 3 voted to accept the donation. The Board of National Missions asked the Hospital Board to reconsider. Upon reconsideration the vote of the Hospital Board of Directors was upheld. As a result of the vote, the Board of National Missions has found it necessary to inform the Hospital Board that association would terminate upon one year's notice. Notice was given last week that one year from that date official relationship will be terminated and the Presbyterian Church will no longer be associated in any way with the Valley Presbyterian Hospital, except in the holding of the mortgage for that hospital.

Moved, seconded and carried that the next meeting of Presbytery be at First Church, Wasilla, Saturday afternoon, August 3, at 2 p.m.

Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery become a committee of the whole on resolutions of thanks and extend its thanks to the host church and the host pastor and his wife who have served so well in the arrangements, and to the other churches of the Anchorage area who assisted in hospitality and meals, and to the newspapers for their coverage, to the music provided by the church, and our two speakers for their appearance at the public meetings.

The Reverend Ralph Weeks, out-going Moderator, turned the gavel over to the Reverend Lowell Campbell, newly elected Moderator. Mr. Campbell requested that Mr. Weeks again take the Moderator's gavel during Mr. Campbell's installation, April 7, 7:30 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church; the installation service to be as follows:



Moderator -- The Reverend Ralph Weeks  
Sermon -- Chaplain Douglas Brewer  
Constitutional Questions -- The Reverend Frank Walkup  
Scripture -- The Reverend Phil Lyon  
Prayer -- The Reverend Victor Urban  
Benediction -- The Reverend Lowell Campbell

Moved, seconded and carried that the Reverend Ralph Weeks be commended for his faithful service as Moderator during the past year.

Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery adjourn until the call of the Moderator. Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean E. Stokes, Stated Clerk



8/26/57.

MEETING OF PRESBYTERY OF YUKON  
August 3, 1957

The meeting of Presbytery of Yukon was called to order by the Moderator, the Reverend Lowell Campbell, at 2:45 p.m., August 3, 1957, in the Presbyterian Church, Wasilla, Alaska. Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Reverend B. J. Bingle.

The following members were enrolled:

The Reverend Paul F. Evans, Hillcrest Presbyterian  
The Reverend Neil E. Munro, Big Delta Presbyterian  
The Reverend John C. Stokes, University Community Presbyterian  
The Reverend B. J. Bingle, Healy Fork, Railbelt  
The Reverend Bertram H. Rutan, United Protestant, Palmer  
The Reverend Lowell M. Campbell, Faith Presbyterian, Anchorage  
The Reverend Victor C. Urban, Wasilla Presbyterian  
The Reverend Brian H. Cleworth, Assistant Secretary, Work in Alaska  
The Reverend Robert Boughton, First Church, Anchorage

Not Present:

The Reverend Frank Walkup, First Presbyterian, Anchorage  
The Reverend John F. Seibert  
The Reverend William Wartes, Barrow Presbyterian  
The Reverend Victor I. Alfsen, First Presbyterian, Fairbanks  
The Reverend Ralph Weeks, Woodland Park, Spenard  
The Reverend Roy Ahmaogak, Wainwright Presbyterian  
The Reverend Edward W. Diehl  
The Reverend Percy Ipalook, Chaplain, National Guard, Kotzebue

Elders Present:

Mrs. Ruth Estelle, United Protestant Church, Palmer  
Mrs. Sullivan, Presbyterian Church, Wasilla

Churches without Elder representation:

First Presbyterian, Fairbanks  
First Presbyterian, Anchorage  
Faith Presbyterian, Anchorage  
Woodland Park, Spenard  
University Community, College  
Barrow Presbyterian  
Hillcrest Presbyterian, Anchorage  
Big Delta Presbyterian  
Healy Fork, Railbelt  
Gambell Presbyterian  
Savoonga Presbyterian  
Wainwright Presbyterian

Moved, seconded and carried that the letter of dismissal for the Reverend Robert J. Nicholl be referred back to the Presbytery from which he came for clarification of future status in Yukon Presbytery, and also for a redating of issuance; and if the credentials are in order that he be received.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Reverend Irvin Winship, Presbytery of Kalispell, Synod of Montana, Missionary to the Phil. Islands under the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., be enrolled as a corresponding member and given the privilege of the floor.



Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Spring Presbytery meeting because of the fact that they were mimeographed and mailed out in complete form to the members of Presbytery, and there being no omissions or corrections that they be received as mimeographed.

1956-57

The Stated Clerk read the corrections to be made to the Minutes as noted by Synod. Moved, seconded and carried that the Clerk be authorized to make the corrections and then inform Synod that the Minutes have been corrected.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Synod of Washington be notified that Yukon Presbytery stands corrected and humiliated because of action not taken a year ago in recognizing their corrections of the Minutes.

The Clerk read the correspondence:

1. Letter from Theodore F. Romig, Secretary, Division of Ecumenical Personnel, Board of Foreign Missions, re. the possibility of missionaries on their way to the foreign field stopping over in Alaska. (The Reverend Winship suggested that Presbytery correspond with Dr. John Corbin of the Board of Foreign Missions regarding missionaries stopping over in Alaska.) Moved, seconded and carried that Dr. John Corbin be notified and a carbon copy of the letter be sent to Dr. Romig to satisfy this correspondence.
2. Letter from the Reverend Brian H. Cleworth to the Stated Clerk regarding financial support of the Alaska Association of Churches. Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery recommend to the churches of the Presbytery that this .002 per cent of their budget be set aside for the Alaska Assn. of Churches.
- Moved, seconded and carried that the Reverend Leonard Boyd (working with the work team from the States on the manse at Wasilla) of the Presbytery of Los Angeles be enrolled as a corresponding member and given the privilege of the floor.
3. Overture from the Mahoning Presbytery re. the Hungarian situation. Moved, seconded and carried that the Overture be referred to the Council of Presbytery.
4. Communication from John Park Lee, Executive Secretary, National Presbyterian Health and Welfare Assn., enclosing a form and order for the recognition of administrators and other officials of church related health and welfare institutions. Moved, seconded and carried that the communication and form and order be placed in the hands of the Ministerial Relations Committee to see that it is applied to the Presbyterian Hospitality House in Fairbanks.
5. Communications from the Office of Institutional Chaplains. Moved, seconded and carried that the material be placed in the hands of the Ministerial Relations Committee to be used as occasions require.
6. June 26 communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly re. the National Council of Presbyterian Men. Moved, seconded and carried that this communication be referred to the Committee on Stewardship and Promotion.

Mrs. Estelle, Presbytery's Elder delegate to Synod, reported. Moved, seconded and carried that Mrs. Estelle's report be adopted and that she be commended for her faithfulness.

Mr. Munro introduced the Reverend Cecil Moore who is now serving along the Alaska Highway and at Tok Junction; moved, seconded and carried that



Mr. Moore's name be placed upon the roll of Presbytery (Union Presbytery, Tennessee).

The Stated Clerk read the minutes of the July 15 Yukon Presbytery Council meeting. Moved, seconded and carried that the following recommendations of the July 15 Presbytery Council meeting be adopted:

1. That the monthly reports of all National Missions pastors be submitted to the Outreach and Evangelism Committee of Presbytery rather than to the Ministerial Relations Committee.
2. That the Outreach Committee is to make a record of all the Foreign Missionaries that pass through the bounds of the Presbytery. The record is to show where each missionary was used and how many times he spoke. And that the Outreach Committee is to make contact with the Foreign Board to make future plans for routing missionaries to and from the field through Alaska. And that the Outreach Committee is to make assignments for the missionaries to the various churches in the Presbytery. The Outreach Committee is to report at each Presbytery meeting on this record.
3. That the Yukon Presbytery suggest to the Alaska Presbytery that time be docketed at their Presbytery meeting at the All Alaska Conference to prepare a resolution to the Synod of Washington for time on the floor of Synod to present the work in Alaska to the whole of Synod.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Council's report be recieved.

Dr. Winston Laughlin presented the Treasurer's Report. Moved, seconded and carried that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Reverend Arthur French be enrolled as a member of Yukon Presbytery.

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Moved, seconded and carried that due to the fact that the salaries of missionary pastors in Yukon Presbytery are inadequate by Alaskan standards, the Yukon Presbytery makes the following recommendations to the Department of Work in Alaska, BNM: 1. In accordance with the action of the 169th General Assembly and the action of the Synod of Washington in 1956 recommending base salaries of \$4,000 for ministers, that the base salaries of missionary pastors in Yukon Presbytery be increased to \$4,000 per year with an additional 33 1/3 per cent cost of living allowance.

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Moved, seconded and carried that Dr. Jackman seriously reconsider the travel allowance letter of June 13. Moved, seconded and carried that the Chairman of the Outreach and Evangelism Committee come up with a definite figure to recommend to Dr. Jackman.

Moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Ministerial Relations Committee be accepted.



Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery approve of the Reverend Cecil Moore taking the Reverend E. Diehl's place on the Outreach and Evangelism Committee.

The Reverend Brian Cleworth discussed the Sitka transportation situation.

Moved, seconded and carried that the following action of the Wasilla Session be approved by the Presbytery: "Moved, that the membership and elder of the Curry Church, formerly of the Railbelt Church, be accepted into the membership and jurisdiction of the Wasilla Session, Mrs. Ray MacDonald to be the elder in charge at Curry."

Moved, seconded and carried that the training of Leonard Nawpawkoluk, Gambell Eskimo now recovering from TB in Seattle, be kept under Yukon Presbytery control and the matter be referred to the Christian Education Committee.

It was agreed that the Presbytery Council should meet the day before the meeting of the Fall Presbytery convenes.

The Reverend Brian Cleworth reported on the Seventh Day Adventists coming into Gambell, St. Lawrence Island. Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery express their appreciation to the Reverend Brian Cleworth and to the Village Council at Gambell and to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in reference to a second church going into Gambell, for the action taken, making clear that the Presbytery is concerned for the total welfare of the Gambell people.

Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery recess for one hour, to reconvene at 6:30 p.m.

The Moderator recessed the meeting with prayer.

The Reverend Neil Munro reconvened the meeting with prayer.

Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery set up a mileage committee to determine the most reasonable first-class mileage to and from the fields for the stated Presbytery meetings; the ministers now present at King's Lake Camp are delegated as a committee to check on this and to let other members of the Presbytery know the outcome at the earliest convenience, preferably at Sitka.

The Reverend Cecil Moore extended an invitation for Fall Presbytery to meet at Tok, the Presbytery Council to meet on the 7th and Presbytery on the 8th of October. Moved, seconded and carried that the Fall meeting of Presbytery be at Tok Junction October 7 and 8 at the call of the Moderator.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Stated Clerk be directed to write to Dr. Jackman requesting help in purchasing the Westgate Property.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Presbytery of Yukon accept the responsibility of the Hospitality House Program in Fairbanks and recommends continued interest of the Board of National Missions in the project, and recommends that the American legion building be purchased for use as the Hospitality House itself by the Board or that the Board lend the Presbytery the money for the Presbytery to purchase it in the name of the Presbytery.



Moved, seconded and carried that the matter of Harding Lake Camp be discussed at this King's Lake Camp at the Council of Presbytery and a recommendation be brought to the fall meeting regarding the purchase of Harding Lake Camp.

Moved, seconded and carried that Miss Marge Mellen, a commissioned church worker, Rockford Presbytery, Illinois, be recognized and have the privilege of the floor. Miss Mellen at this time made a report on Laboratory Teacher's Training School, August 11-17, in Anchorage.

Mr. Rutan reported on the Valley Presbyterian Hospital situation, that the mortgage is still held by the Presbyterian Church, USA.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Christian Education Committee be directed to correspond immediately with the Rock River Presbyterial and make arrangements for a scholarship for the Eskimo boy, Leonard Nawpawkoluk.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Presbytery write the Community of Tok, in care of the Reverend Robert Green, Tanacross, informing the Community that the Reverend Cecil Moore had brought to the attention of Presbytery of Yukon that there is dire need of a nurse in the Tok Community; and that Presbytery suggests that the Community give visible demonstration of the need and desire for nursing service by arrangement of housing facilities and office facilities and Presbytery will do everything in its power to make it possible for a nurse to come to Tok.

Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery extend its gratitude to the Wasilla Church for providing a place to meet and providing something to eat, and to the minister, with a letter also going to the session of the Wasilla Church.

Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery express its gratitude to the Presbytery of Los Angeles and the Reverend Mr. Boyd and the work team for the work they are doing in our bounds at the Wasilla Church.

Moved, seconded and carried that a letter of appreciation and thanks be sent to the Calvary Presbyterian Church in South Pasadena in appreciation of the work of Ruling Elder Henry and Mrs. Bertch and for their fine expression of fellowship which they have shown not only to Wasilla and the building of the manse but to the missions in the Presbytery of Yukon.

Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery of Yukon adjourn to the call of the Moderator. The Reverend Paul Evans closed with prayer.



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MEETING OF PRESBYTERY OF YUKON  
August 3, 1957

The meeting of Presbytery of Yukon was called to order by the Moderator, the Reverend Lowell Campbell, at 2:45 p.m., August 3, 1957, in the Presbyterian Church, Wasilla, Alaska. Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Reverend B. J. Bingle.

The following members were enrolled:

The Reverend Paul F. Evans, Hillcrest Presbyterian  
The Reverend Neil E. Munro, Big Delta Presbyterian  
The Reverend John C. Stokes, University Community Presbyterian  
The Reverend B. J. Bingle, Healy Fork, Railbelt  
The Reverend Bertram H. Rutan, United Protestant, Palmer  
The Reverend Lowell M. Campbell, Faith Presbyterian, Anchorage  
The Reverend Victor C. Urban, Wasilla Presbyterian  
The Reverend Brian H. Cleworth, Assistant Secretary, Work in Alaska  
The Reverend Robert Boughton, First Church, Anchorage

Not Present:

The Reverend Frank Walkup, First Presbyterian, Anchorage  
The Reverend John F. Seibert  
The Reverend William Wartes, Barrow Presbyterian  
The Reverend Victor I. Alfson, First Presbyterian, Fairbanks  
The Reverend Ralph Weeks, Woodland Park, Spenard  
The Reverend Roy Ahmaogak, Wainwright Presbyterian  
The Reverend Edward W. Diehl  
The Reverend Percy Ipalook, Chaplain, National Guard, Kotzebue

Elders Present:

Mrs. Ruth Estelle, United Protestant Church, Palmer  
Mrs. Sullivan, Presbyterian Church, Wasilla

Churches without Elder representation:

First Presbyterian, Fairbanks  
First Presbyterian, Anchorage  
Faith Presbyterian, Anchorage  
Woodland Park, Spenard  
University Community, College  
Barrow Presbyterian  
Hillcrest Presbyterian, Anchorage  
Big Delta Presbyterian  
Healy Fork, Railbelt  
Cambell Presbyterian  
Savoonga Presbyterian  
Wainwright Presbyterian

Moved, seconded and carried that the letter of dismissal for the Reverend Robert J. Nicholl be referred back to the Presbytery from which he came for clarification of future status in Yukon Presbytery, and also for a redating of issuance; and if the credentials are in order that he be received.



Moved, seconded and carried that the Reverend Irvin Winship, Presbytery of Kalispell, Synod of Montana, Missionary to the Phil. Islands under the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., be enrolled as a corresponding member and given the privilege of the floor.

Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Spring Presbytery meeting because of the fact that they were mimeographed and mailed out in complete form to the members of Presbytery, and there being no omissions or corrections that they be received as mimeographed.

The Stated Clerk read the corrections to be made to the 1956-57 Minutes as noted by Synod. Moved, seconded and carried that the Clerk be authorized to make the corrections and then inform Synod that the Minutes have been corrected.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Synod of Washington be notified that Yukon Presbytery stands corrected and humiliated because of action not taken a year ago in recognizing their corrections of the Minutes.

The Clerk read the correspondence:

1. Letter from Theodore F. Romig, Secretary, Division of Ecumenical Personnel, Board of Foreign Missions, re. the possibility of missionaries on their way to the foreign field stopping over in Alaska. (The Reverend Winship suggested that Presbytery correspond with Dr. John Corbin of the Board of Foreign Missions regarding missionaries stopping over in Alaska.) Moved, seconded and carried that Dr. John Corbin be notified and a carbon copy of the letter be sent to Dr. Romig to satisfy this correspondence.

2. Letter from the Reverend Brian H. Cleworth to the Stated Clerk regarding financial support of the Alaska Association of Churches. Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery recommend to the churches of the Presbytery that this .002 per cent of their budget be set aside for the Alaska Assn. of Churches.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Reverend Leonard Boyd (working with the work team from the States on the manse at Wasilla) of the Presbytery of Los Angeles be enrolled as a corresponding member and given the privilege of the floor.

3. Overture from the mahoning Presbytery re. the Hungarian situation. Moved, seconded and carried that the Overture be referred to the Council of Presbytery.

4. Communication from John Park Lee, Executive Secretary, National Presbyterian Health and Welfare Assn., enclosing a form and order for the recognition of administrators and other officials of church-related health and welfare institutions. Moved, seconded and carried that the communication and form and order be placed in the hands of the Ministerial Relations Committee to see that it is applied to the Presbyterian Hospitality House in Fairbanks.



5. Communications from the Office of Institutional Chaplains.

Moved, seconded and carried that the material be placed in the hands of the Ministerial Relations Committee to be used as occasions require.

6. June 26 communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly re. the National Council of Presbyterian Men. Moved, seconded and carried that this communication be referred to the Committee on Stewardship and Promotion.

Mrs. Estelle, Presbytery's Elder delegate to Synod, reported. Moved, seconded and carried that Mrs. Estelle's report be adopted and that she be commended for her faithfulness.

Mr. Munro introduced the Reverend Cecil Moore who is now serving along the Alaska Highway and at Tok Junction; moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Moore's name be placed upon the roll of Presbytery (Union Presbytery, Tennessee).

The Stated Clerk read the minutes of the July 15 Yukon Presbytery Council meeting. Moved, seconded and carried that the following recommendations of the July 15 Presbytery Council meeting be adopted:

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3. That the Yukon Presbytery suggest to the Alaska Presbytery that time be docketed at their Presbytery meeting at the All-Alaska Conference to prepare a resolution to the Synod of Washington for time on the floor of Synod to present the work in Alaska to the whole of Synod.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Council's report be received.

Dr. Winston Laughlin presented the Treasurer's Report. Moved, seconded and carried that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

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Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery recess for one hour, to reconvene at 6:30 p.m.

The Moderator recessed the meeting with prayer.

The Reverend Neil Munro reconvened the meeting with prayer.

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Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery of Yukon adjourn to the call of the Moderator. The Reverend Paul Evans closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Stokes

Stated Clerk



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MEETING OF PRESBYTERY OF YUKON  
August 24, 1957

The meeting of Presbytery of Yukon was called to order by the Moderator, the Reverend Lowell Campbell, at 1:20 p.m., August 24, 1957, Sitka, Alaska. Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The following members were enrolled:

The Reverend Paul F. Evans; Hillcrest Presbyterian Church, Anchorage  
The Reverend Neil E. Munro, Big Delta Presbyterian Church  
The Reverend John C. Stokes, University Community Presbyterian Church  
The Reverend B. J. Bingle, Healy Fork, Railbelt  
The Reverend Lowell M. Campbell, Faith Presbyterian, Anchorage  
The Reverend Victor C. Urban, Presbyterian Church, Wasilla  
The Reverend Brian H. Cleworth, Assistant Secretary, Work in Alaska  
The Reverend Frank Walkup, First Church, Anchorage  
The Reverend William Wartes, Presbyterian Church, Barrow  
The Reverend Victor I. Alfsen, First Presbyterian Church, Fairbanks  
The Reverend Ralph Weeks, Woodland Park Church, Spenard  
The Reverend Roy Ahmaogak, Presbyterian Church, Wainwright

Not Present:

The Reverend Bertram H. Rutan, United Protestant Church, Palmer  
The Reverend Robert Boughton, First Church, Anchorage  
The Reverend John F. Seibert, Effingham, Illinois  
The Reverend Edward W. Diehl  
The Reverend Percy Ipalook, Chaplain, National Guard, Kotzebue

Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery request the Department of Work in Alaska, Board of National Missions, to give consideration to moving the office of the Assistant Secretary for the Department of Work in Alaska to the Interior.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Presbytery of Yukon, Inc., be authorized to make official request to the Board of National Missions for the purchase of Westgate property, to be held for future expansion, in the name of the Presbytery; that the Trustees of Presbytery be authorized to issue a mortgage to secure the loan of the Board on this matter, with the committee to make this approach--Mr. Bingle, Mr. Stokes, and Mr. Alfsen

Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery commend the Department of Work in Alaska for the planning of the All-Alaska Conference and express appreciation to the hosts for their service and indicate a genuine enthusiasm for this kind of conference annually.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Reverend Mr. Walkup be authorized to arrange for a conference on "alcohol" at a suitable time, for all who can attend.

Moved, seconded and carried that Dr. Burney Shell be enrolled as a corresponding member and given the privilege of the floor (Arkansas Valley Presbytery). Dr. Shell spoke briefly.

Miss Louise Avery expressed her appreciation for the financial help which enabled her to attend the All-Alaska Conference.

The Reverend Mr. Alfson introduced Mr. John Bartholomew (Presbytery of Rochester), a student at Princeton Theological Seminary, who spoke of the fine experience he had received through his work in Alaska this summer. Mr. Bartholomew indicated his interest in coming back to Alaska at the time of his graduation from Seminary.

Moved, seconded and carried that Presbytery of Yukon in company with the Episcopal Church of Fairbanks approach the Harding Lake Camp Inc. for the purpose of negotiating the purchase of the Harding Lake Camp facilities for camping purposes.

The Moderator stated that there will be a report of the Christian Education Lab School by the Chairman of the Christian Education Committee at the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Reverend Arthur French be allowed to use the leadership training materials, the request to be made through the Reverend Brian Cleworth.

Moved, seconded and carried that the meeting stand adjourned to the call of the Moderator. Mr. Munro closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean E. Stokes

Stated Clerk



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Proposed  
AGENDA  
Fall Meeting  
Presbytery of Yukon

9 a.m., Tuesday, October 8, 1957  
Tok Chapel, Tok Junction, Alaska

(Items to be added to the agenda should be sent to the Stated Clerk or Moderator before September 30, if possible.)

1. Nominations of Bishop Commissioner to General Assembly and Delegate to Synod.
2. Report on General Assembly and Synod (Bishop and Elder Commissioners).
3. Report of Christian Education Committee on Camping Program
4. Report of Christian Education Committee on Leadership School.
5. Annual written report by Stewardship and Promotion Committee
6. Recommended budget and per capita apportionment by Stewardship and Promotion Committee.
7. Preaching Mission--Evangelism plans--final phase.
8. Future strategy for Presbyterian Church.
9. Presentation (30 minutes) by the Reverend Bert Rutan on clinical work in Portland.
10. Report by Ministerial Relations Committee on salary study and pension (Items 5 and 6 in Standing Rules).
11. Final decision of place and time for Spring Presbytery.
12. Corporation Meeting .

(Will aim for adjournment Tuesday evening or early Wednesday.)

The FALL MEETING of Presbytery of Yukon is called to convene at Tok Chapel, Tok Junction, Alaska, 9 a.m., Tuesday, October 8, 1957.

The Council of Presbytery will meet at Tok Junction, 4 p.m., Monday, October 7, 1957.

The Trustees of Yukon Presbytery, Inc., will meet at Tok Junction, 7 p.m., October 7, 1957.

Jean E. Stokes  
Stated Clerk



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SPRING MEETING  
Presbytery of Yukon

April 10--11, 1958  
Palmer, Alaska

Following the Church Officer Training Course by Dr. Herbert Doran on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 8-9 in Anchorage, Presbytery convened in Palmer at the Metanuska Electric Association conference room.

Presbytery convened with devotions led by Rev. Joseph Heckel Jr. and a devotional message by Dr. Harold Martin, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator Rev. Lowell Campbell, who opened Presbytery with prayer. The Stated Clerk called the roll with the following response:-

Minister's Present

- Rev. Frank Walkup - First Presbyterian Church - Anchorage
- Rev. Lowell Campbell - Faith Presbyterian Church - Anchorage
- Rev. Paul F. Evans - Hillcrest Presbyterian Church - Anchorage
- Rev. William Wartes - Barrow, Ootkeavik
- Rev. Neil Munro - Big Delta
- Rev. John Stokes - University Community, College
- Rev. Victor Alfsen - First Presbyterian Church - Fairbanks
- Rev. Joseph E. Heckel Jr. - Railbelt Healy Fork
- Rev. Bertram Rutan - United Protestant Church - Palmer
- Rev. Arthur French III, St. Lawrence Island - Gambell.
- Rev. Ralph Weeks - Woodland Park Presbyterian Church - Spenard
- Rev. Roy Ahmaogak - Wainwright Olgonik
- Rev. Victor Urban - First Presbyterian Church - Wasilla
- Rev. Brian Cleworth - Ass't Secretary, Board of National Missions

Ministers Absent

- Rev. Bert Bingle - Excused
- Rev. Edward Diehl - Buffalo, New York - Advanced Study, Excused.
- Rev. Robert Nichol - Chap. Federal Prison Farm, Elmendorf, Excused
- Percy Ipalook, - Chaplain National Guard -
- Rev. John Seibert - Missionary in India - Excused

Elders Present:-

- Mr. Walt Weidman - Faith Presbyterian Church - Anchorage
- Mr. Samuel Simmonds - Barrow Ootkeavik
- Mr. Jack Hummel - Big Delta
- Mr. Theodore Freeman - University Community - College
- Mr. Richard Cotter - First Presbyterian Church - Fairbanks
- Mrs. Brewster - United Protestant Church - Palmer
- Mr. Hubert Sickman - Woodland Park Presbyterian - Spenard
- Mrs. Harold Dinkle - First Presbyterian Church - Wasilla

Churches not represented by Elders:-

- Anchorage First, Anchorage Hillcrest, Healy Fork Railbelt, Gambell, Savoonga and Wainwright.

Commissioned Church Workers Present:-

- Miss Marjorie Mellin - D.R.E. First Presbyterian Church - Anchorage
- Miss Alice Green - Alaska Native Service Hospital - Anchorage.

LayPreachers Present:-

- Mr. Samuel Simmonds - Barrow
- Mr. Marion Horton - Fairbanks

The Docket was presented by the stated clerk and the following changes and additions were made:-

1. Mr. Jack Simpson will report on the National Council of Presbyterian Men's Chicag meeting, rather than Mr. John Boss.
2. Outreach and Evangelism Committee Reports from the fields will be moved to 1:45 P.M. Wednesday to 1:15 P.M. Thursday. The Outreach and Evangelism Committee Report will be 1:45 P.M. Thursday rather than 1:45 P.M. Friday.

3. Time for Miscellaneous Business be taken at 4:50 P.M. Friday.

Presbytery moved seconded and passed that the docket be approved as ammended. Rev. Bertram Rutan reported for the Committee on Arrangements.

The Stated Clerk reported the mimeographed minutes of the adjourned meeting of December 3rd had been mimeographed and sent to all members of presbytery. He highlighted these minutes and the following corrections were made.

1. Rev. Paul F. Evans was appointed to moderate the congregational meeting at the United Protestant Church of Palmer the second Sunday in January.
2. The official name of the Wasilla Church is "The First Presbyterian Church of Wasilla".
3. The following omitted churches be added:- First Presbyterian Church, Wasilla; United Protestant church of Palmer; and First Presbyterian, Anchorage.

The minutes of the adjourned meeting of December 3rd were approved as mimeographed and corrected.

The following were enrolled as corresponding members:-

Chaplain Harry Henderson - Mononghela Presbytery (United Presbyterian)  
Dr. Harold Martin - Bloomington Presbytery  
Dr. J. Earl Jackson - Jersey City Presbytery  
Dr. R. Roland Armstrong - Alaska Presbytery  
Rev. Cecil Moore - Union Presbytery

A motion was made and unanimously passed that Miss Olive Fisher, Parish Worker in the Anchorage area, be recognized and given the privilege of the floor.

The following Temporary Committees were appointed by the Moderator:-

Reporting Clerk - Winston Laughlin

Sessional Records:- Rev's J. Heckel & V. Urban, with Elders Mrs. Brewster, Theo, Freeman, and Samuel Simmonds.

Finance, Audit and Travel:- Rev's. Arthur French, Neil Munro, William Wartes and John Stokes, with Elders Paul Greimann and Walter Weidman.

History & Resolutions:- Rev's. Frank Walkup, Brian Cleworth, Cecil Moore.

The following nominations were presented by the stated clerk as a result of an action of Presbytery's Council:-

Moderator:- Rev. Neil Munro

Vice Moderator:- Miss Alice Green

Treasurer:- Winston Laughlin

Presbytery moved seconded and passed that this report be received. Presbytery unanimously passed that nominations cease and that the clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Rev. Neil Munro as Moderator. In the matter of vico moderator likewise by a unanimous action of presbytery nominations were voted to cease and the clerk instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Miss Alice Green as Vice Moderator. In the vote for Treasurer the nominations were voted closed and a unanimous ballot was cast for the re-election of Wilson Laughlin.

The following nominations for Bishop Commissioner to General Assembly were presented:-

Rev. Lowell Cambell, principal; Rev. Brian Cleworth, ~~2nd~~ Alternate and Rev.



Roy Ahmaogak, 1st Alternate.

Presbytery moved seconded and passed that the nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast by the stated clerk for each of these men, presented by the nominating committee.

The following were presented as Elder Commissioners to the General Assembly as presented by the action of Council:-

Elder Herman Rexford, Barter Island - Principal; Gambell, No name presented; College, Elder Herman Turner.

Presbytery moved seconded and approved that Elder Herman Rexford be principal Elder Commissioner and that Elder Herman Turner be the 1st Alternate. Unanimous.

Presbytery unanimously voted that the Bishop Commissioner serve as Presbytery's representative at the Pre-Assembly Conference on Evangelism.

The following were nominated as Bishop Delegate to Synod:-

Rev. B.J. Bingle, principal

Rev. Roy Ahmaogak, 1st Alternate

Rev. Brian Cleworth, 2nd Alternate.

Presbytery moved, seconded and passed that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for these Bishop Delegates to Synod.

The following were to present nominations for Elder Delegate to Synod:-

Wainwright - No Name

Gambell - No Name

Savoonga - No Name

Presbytery moved, seconded and approved that the matter of election of elder delegates to Synod be postponed until Miscellaneous Business.

Elder Paul Greiman, a member of Presbytery's Council, was recognized.

Presbytery moved, seconded and passed that we recess until 1:00 P.M. Presbytery recessed with prayer by Rev. Victor Urban.

1:00 P.M.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:10 with prayer by Rev. Cecil Moore. The Stated Clerk called the roll with the same response as the morning hour, with the following exceptions:- / Rev. Robert Nichol was listed as present.

Rev. Herbert Doran - Columbia River Presbytery was seated as a corresponding member.

It was noted that Branon Cassler of Faith Church, Alternate Elder from Faith Presbyterian Church of Anchorage, was introduced.

The Report of the Stated Clerk was given by Rev. Paul F. Evans. Moved, second and passed the report was received.

The Presbytery's Financial Report was given by Winston Laughlin and presbytery moved and passed that this report be received.

Minutes of the Council of Presbytery for February 18, 1958 were read by the stated clerk. Presbytery moved they be received without correction.

Presbytery by common consent accepted a motion to include two items in the Council of Presbytery Minutes, headed "Island Marriages" and "Due Date of PerCapita Assessment" under miscellaneous business.

The Nominations Committee reported the following:- (Committees)

Christian Education - Rev. Victor Urban, Class of '61

Ministerial Relations - Rev. Victor Urban, Elder Jack Hummel, Class 61

Outreach & Evangelism - Rev. Cecil Moore, Elder Alice Green, '61.

Council - Elder George Gustafson and Elder Paul Greimann, '61.

Presbytery moved, seconded and approved acceptance of the nominating committee report as listed without the name of Rev. Cecil Moore.

Presbytery moved, seconded and approved that nominations for the Christian Education Committee close and that the clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Rev. Mr. Urban.

Rev. Lowell Campbell was nominated from the floor to the Ministerial Relations Committee after Rev. Victor Urban withdrew his name. Presbytery moved, seconded and passed that nominations cease and that the clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Rev. Mr. Campbell and Elder Jack Hummel.

Rev. Joseph Heckel Jr. was nominated from the floor to the Outreach and Evangelism Committee. Presbytery moved, seconded and passed that nominations for the Outreach and Evangelism Committee cease, and that the clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Rev. Mr. Heckel and Elder Alice Green.

Presbytery moved seconded and passed that nominations for council cease and that Elders George Gustafson and Paul Greimann be unanimously elected.

The Outreach and Evangelism Committee Report was given by Rev. John Stokes with the following recommendations:-

Recommendations under Evangelism Section

1. That another Evangelistic Mission with ministers from the States be conducted in the Presbytery October 19-26, 1958 inclusive, with the following provisions:-
  - a. Each minister to be accompanied by a layman from the church of which he is the Pastor.
  - b. The number of ministers involved be reduced by the churches in close proximity uniting around one missionary, as follows:-
    - a minister for the Palmer-Wasilla Churches
    - a minister for the Fairbanks-College Churches
    - a minister for the Anchorage Churches
    - a minister for Wainwright
    - a minister for Barrow
  - c. The requirements for missionaries at Tok, Big Delta and the Railbelt be studied further and final arrangements be worked out by the Missionary Pastors and the Secretary for the Department of Work in Alaska.
2. That there be an exchange or rotation of ministers in the Presbytery among the several churches for Evangelistic Services, where possible, and for a period of Sunday morning through Wednesday evening, beginning on Evangelism Sunday, January 18, 1959. Ministers are to be drawn by lot, from North to South, and are to be accompanied by a layman from their church.

Presbytery moved seconded and passed that this part of the report be received and its recommendations adopted.

Recommendations under the National Missions Section (seriatim)

1. That John Bartholemew be appointed, if the way be clear, as Missionary Pastor of the Highway Parish and that plans for his ordination and introduction be completed as soon as possible.

Moved, seconded and Passed.

2. That the Rev. B.J. Bingle be requested to conduct services at Tok Junction Chapel during the interim between the Moore's departure and the Bartholemew's arrival.

Moved, seconded and Passed.



3. That the Rev. B.J. Bingle be required to serve as Missionary Pastor of the Big Delta Presbyterian Church during the furlough of Rev. Neil Munro, September through December 1958.  
Moved, seconded and Passed.
4. That a student intern be appointed by the Department of Work in Alaska to work in the Nunaka Valley-DeBarr Vista area under the guidance of the Rev. Lowell Campbell and the Session of Faith Church for the purpose of developing a new church.  
Moved, seconded and Passed.
5. The First Presbyterian Church, Fairbanks be requested to take the responsibility for conducting preaching services and/or church school in the Badger Road area east of Fairbanks.  
Moved, seconded and Passed.
6. That the Missionary Pastor of the Railbelt Presbyterian Church live in a more central location on his field of service and that the Department of Work in Alaska, BNM be requested to provide money for necessary housing.  
Moved, seconded and Passed.
7. That services at Northway be held in the CAA Station club house and/or in homes and that plans and money for the chapel building project be held for other developments within the presbytery.  
Moved, seconded and Passed.
8. That if the way be clear, the congregation meeting in the Tok Chapel be organized as an area church drawing its membership from the whole of the Highway Parish.  
Moved, seconded and Passed.
9. That the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Wasilla make as complete a survey as possible of Talkeetna to determine the need, if any, for a Presbyterian ministry there.  
Moved, seconded and Passed.
10. That the action of the Presbytery of August 3, 1957 regarding a letter from the Department of Work in Alaska, dealing with automobile operation,\*which is partially furnished by the Board of National Missions averages out at 25%. This being true, this committee did not feel it reasonable for the Board of National Missions to request that the Missionary Pastor pay 25% of major repairs and parts replacement.  
Moved, seconded and Passed.

Include above at (\*)....and expense be rescinded. By a survey of some of the Missionary Pastors the personal use of the automobile....

11. For personnel coming from the States to serve the churches and/or institutions:-
  - a. the employing agency (church and/or BNM of the Presbyterian Church) furnish transportation to the field of service.
  - b. at the end of two years service the worker be granted his annual month of vacation plus one month furlough to return to the States. *and that the worker be responsible for travel to states.*
  - c. the employing agency will be responsible for the return transportation to the field.
  - d. if any worker elects not to take the one month furlough at the end of two years, but does so at the end of three years, he shall have his regular vacation of one month plus one month furlough with the employing agency furnishing  $\frac{1}{2}$  the cost of transportation to the States and full transportation for return to the field.
  - e. if any worker elects not to take the one month furlough until the end of four years or more, he is entitled to his regular vacation of one month plus one month furlough with round-trip

*Intent of this motion was to rescind the earlier action*

transportation furnished by the employing agency.

- f. necessary adjustments shall be made by workers and employing agencies where special circumstance of contractual obligations exist.
- g. special arrangements for educational furloughs for all workers, particularly full-time native Alaskan workers, shall be made in the best interests of the worker and employing agency.

Moved, seconded and Passed.

- 12. That the appointment of the Rev. Donald Campbell of the Peace River Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, to serve as missionary Pastor of the University Community Presbyterian Church from May 10 to September 10, during the furlough of the Rev. John Stokes, be approved.

Moved, seconded and Passed.

- 13. That a Budget and Finance Committee be appointed by the Moderator to prepare a realistic budget for the Presbytery for 1959, and to present this budget at the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

Moved, seconded and Passed.

- 14. That the presentation of an ivory gavel, made by Elder Albert Kulowye of the Savoonga Presbyterian Church, to Dr. Harold Martin, Moderator of the General Assembly present, by Rev. Arthur French III, be recorded.

Moved, seconded and Passed.

Moved, seconded and Passed that the entire report of the Outreach and Evangelism Committee be received and its recommendations adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed:- Rev. John C. Stokes, Chairman.

Presbytery moved and passed that we recess for tea at 3:30 P.M. Chaplain Phillip Lyon recessed Presbytery with prayer.

Presbytery reconvened with prayer by Rev. Lowell Campbell.

Presbytery voted to extend the hour of the docket one half hour and that time to recess would be 5:00 P.M.

The Christian Education Committee Report was commenced by Rev. Neil Munro, Chairman of the Committee, with the following recommendations:-

Recommendations under the department of Youth Work.

- 1. That the action taken at the October Meeting of Presbytery, to eliminate the Junior Camp and extend the ages for the Junior High Camp at King's Lake, be reconsidered---that Presbytery approve the inclusion of a Junior Camp in the 1958 King's Lake Camping Program.
- 2. That the Presbytery approve the following appointments for leadership at King's Lake Camp August 3-16, 1958:-
  - Camp Director :- Rev. Bert Rutan
  - Camp Deans:- High School...Rev. Paul F. Evans
  - Junior High...Rev. Lowell Campbell
  - Junior Camp...Miss Margorie Mellin
- 3. That King's Lake Camp dates be as follows:-
  - Junior Camp - August 3-9, 1958
  - Junior & Senior High - August 10-16, 1958
- 4. That Presbytery approve the appointment of Rev. Victor Alfson as Director of the Junior Camp to be held at Harding Lake July 14-24, 1958, and that the holding of the camp on these dates be approved by presbytery.
- 5. That each church look into the possibility of starting college age Westminster Fellowship groups in their church, and when such has been accomplished to notify Synod Intercollegiate Council.



The Presbytery moved, seconded and passed that the report on Youth Work be received and the recommendations adopted.

The Christian Education Committee then reported on Children's Work and made the following recommendation:-

1. That Presbytery underwrite the cost of transportation of delegates to the Leadership Laboratory Training School from the Arctic Slope and St. Lawrence Island, up to an amount of \$300.00, and that delegates come from each area on alternate years and be determined by the committee.

Moved, seconded and passed the report of the Christian Education Committee on Children's Work be received and its recommendation adopted.

Due to the lack of time in completing this part of the Christian Education Committee's Report, its completion was delayed to the scheduled place in the docket for tomorrow.

Presbytery recessed with prayer by Rev. John Stokes. Following the supper hour, and at 7:30 P.M. a worship service was held with The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper being administered. The following took part in the service:-

The Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. Lowell Campbell presided.

The Scripture Lesson - Chaplain James Weaver, Fort Richardson.

The Evening Prayer - Dr. R.R. Armstrong; President, Sheldon Jackson Junior College.

The Sermon:- Dr. Harold Martin, Moderator of the General Assembly.

The Ministry of the Bread:- Rev. William Wartes.

The Ministry of the Cup:- Rev. Cecil Moore.

The Anthem by the choir of the United Protestant Church, our host.

#### Friday, April 10, 1958

Presbytery convened April 10, 1958 at 9:00 A.M. with devotions led by Rev. Arthur French III, and the devotional message by Dr. Martin, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

The Moderator of Presbytery opened the day's business with prayer. The roll was called by the stated clerk, with the same response as that of yesterday afternoon, with the exception that...Elder Bran Brankaster the alternate Elder from Faith Church was seated with Ivan Branstad and Murray Olson, Elders at Palmer and Woodland Park respectively.

The Minutes of the previous day were read and approved as corrected.

The Report of the Women of Presbyterial was given by Mrs. Eva Reese. Presbytery moved, seconded and passed that the report be received.

Rev. Frank Walkup reported he failed to inform ~~Mr. Boss~~ and Mr. Simpson ~~that they were~~ to report on the National Council of Presbyterian Men's Meeting in Chicago. in place of Mr. Boss.

The Report of the Assistant Secretary of the Board of National Missions was given by Rev. Brian Cleworth. Moved, seconded and passed that the report of Rev. Mr. Cleworth be accepted.

Presbytery moved and passed that discussion of "PerCapita Assessment of Eskimo Churches" be delayed until the afternoon session.

The Report of the Christian Education Committee by Rev. Neil Munro was resumed, and the recommendations were as follows:-

#### Adult Work.

1. That Presbytery send two leaders to the Arctic Coast to provide

with the leadership serving under the Board, a one-week conference for teen-agers. Anticipating that the approximate cost of such an operation would be \$400.00; that the Department of Work in Alaska be requested to underwrite this program in the amount of \$200.00 and that the Presbytery underwrite the balance through the treasury and the offerings from the Vacation Church Schools and Summer Camps.

Moved, seconded and Passed.

2. That Presbytery appoint Rev. Ralph Weeks and Rev. Victor Urban as the conference leaders to the Arctic Coast Teenage Conference during July 1958, the date to be determined by the people on the Arctic Coast.

Moved, seconded and Passed.

#### Social Education and Action

To be reported at a later time on the docket.

#### Care and Oversight of Candidates

Currently the following persons are under the care of Presbytery as candidates for the ministry and are preparing themselves for full-time church vocations:-

Jim Caulkins:- of the United Protestant Church of Palmer is in his middler year at San Francisco Theological Seminary. He has corresponded three times with the committee and met with the committee last summerwhile he was in Palmer. A copy of his grades has been received and his work is progressing in a very satisfactory manner.

Richard Barney:- of Fairbanks First Church is now in attendance at Whitworth College. He will have a little more than a year's work to do at the end of this semester. He has corresponded with the committee twice and has submitted copies of his grades. He too is progressing in a very satisfactory manner.

George Lauer:- of Fairbanks First Church has left no forwarding address with any contacts in Alaska and his whereabouts are unknown. Repeated efforts have been made to contact Mr. Lauer, but all traces have been lost.

The following are now serving as laypreachers within the bounds of the presbytery:-

Marion Horton:- commissioned at the October 1957 meeting of Presbytery for the term of three years. He is now serving in the Fairbanks area doing work with the Eskimos and helping with the work at the Hospitality House.

Samuel Simmonds:- commissioned at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery in 1954, is now serving with the work at Barrow. His commission expires with this meeting of Presbytery.

Our recommendations for Care and Oversight of Candidates is as follows:-

1. That the name of George Lauer be removed from Presbytery's roll of candidates for the ministry after repeated efforts to make contact with him and his failure to respond. After a period of almost three years, his whereabouts are unknown.

Moved, seconded and Passed.

2. That the commission as Lay-Precacher be renewed for Mr. Samuel Simmonds of Barrow for three years; to terminate at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery of 1961; that the commission may be revoked by the Presbytery at any time. This commission is for the purpose of serving the Barrow field.

Moved, seconded and Passed.

3. That a Commissioning Service for Mr. Simmonds be arranged for an appropriate time Friday, April 11, 1958, during Presbytery.

Moved, seconded and Passed.

4. That Presbytery appoint the following persons to act as a commissioning committee of Presbytery to commission Samuel Simmonds as LayPreacher:- Rev. Lowell Campbell, Rev. Roy



Ahmaogak, Rev. Ralph Weeks and Rev. William Wartes, and that a record of the service be spread on the minutes.

Moved, Seconded and Passed.

5. That the Christian Education Committee be charged with the responsibility of care and oversight of all Commissioned Workers laboring within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Moved, seconded and Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed:- Rev. Neil Munro, Chairman.

Presbytery moved, seconded and passed that this report be received and its recommendations adopted.

A letter was received from the Presbytery of Alaska concerning various united recommendations in the field of Social Education and Action.

Moved, seconded and passed that the Stated Clerk be instructed to correspond with the Stated Clerk of Alaska Presbytery, that the recommendations from their Social Education and Action Committee are being taken under consideration and that recommendations from the Yukon Presbytery will be forwarded.

Moved, seconded and approved that the Commissioning Service for Samuel Simmonds be held immediately following the field reports before the combined meeting of Presbyterial and Presbytery.

Presbytery recessed for lunch with prayer by Rev. William Wartes.

1:00 P.M.

Following luncheon in the United Protestant Church basement a filmstrip concerning Haines House and two films on alcohol were shown. Immediately following the films Presbyterial presented a skit showing the importance of Presbyterial's outreach program. This meeting then recessed to the sanctuary, where reports of ministers and layworkers from the fields were presented as part of the Report of the Committee on Outreach and Evangelism. Preceding the reports, the moderator, Rev. Lowell Campbell convened Presbytery with prayer.

The roll call was taken during this session by the Stated Clerk, who reported that the attendance was the same as that of the morning session.

Following the Reports from the Fields, Rev. Arthur French made the following presentations:-

1. To Dr. Harold Martin a solid ivory gavel from Elder Albert Kulowyie of the Savoonga Presbyterial Church.
2. To Rev. Bert Rutan, a token presentation of a box of 25 copies of "The Hymnal", which will arrive from Gambell.

The Order of the Day was declared, so that Dr. Harold Martin, Moderator of the General Assembly could address Presbytery.

The Commissioning Service for Samuel Simmonds was held at this time, and the following ordered to be spread on the minutes of Presbytery:-

Commissioning Service  
for  
Elder Samuel Simmonds

to the  
Office of Lay Preacher, April 11, 1958  
at  
The United Protestant Church, Palmer, Alaska

Scripture Reading. . . . . Rev. William Wartes  
Constitutional Questions . . . . . Rev. Lowell Campbell  
Prayer of Consecration . . . . . Rev. Roy Ahmaogak  
The Charge . . . . . Rev. Ralph Weeks  
The Commission . . . . . Rev. Lowell Campbell

THE COMMISSION

On the 11th day of April 1958, the Presbytery of Yukon, having received testimonials in favor of Mr. Samuel Simmonds concerning his piety, knowledge of the Bible, and ability to preach and teach, and evidence of his being a communicant member of the Barrow Church, and having heard his satisfactory answer to the questions appointed to be put to applicants for local commissions, granted him a local commission as a lay preacher to teach and preach within the bounds of the jurisdiction of the Presbytery, to wit:- The Barrow field.

This local commission is valid only until the last day of the spring meeting of the Presbytery in 1961, and may be revoked at any time by the Presbytery.

Signed:- Rev. Lowell Campbell, Moderator  
Rev. Paul F. Evans, Stated Clerk  
Rev. Neil Munro, Chairman of  
Christian Education

Presbytery moved, seconded and passed that there will be an offering received at the evening meal for the increase of the Arctic Travel Fund at Sheldon Jackson.

Presbytery recessed by common consent at 5:40 P.M. for dinner at the United Protestant Church, and to meet immediately following the dinner hour at 7:00 P.M. in the sanctuary.

During the dinner hour and immediately following (to the 7:00 P.M. hour) the reports from the field yet to be given were heard.

Presbytery reconvened at 7:00 P.M. with prayer by Rev. Lowell Campbell. The roll call was reported the same as the morning session.

Moved seconded and passed that the suggestion of Sheldon Jackson Advisory Committee, nominating Harold Payton of First Presbyterian Church Fairbanks to be Presbytery's representative on this committee be adopted.

Moved, seconded and approved that the Standing Rules be set aside so that a meeting of the Corporation may be held. Vote unanimous.

MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

The meeting of the Presbytery of Yukon Inc. opened with prayer by Rev. Lowell Campbell. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Moved seconded and passed that Rev. John Stokes and Rev. Victor Alfson individually or severally see what they can work out in negotiating a settlement of the Westgate Property.

Moved, seconded and approved, that the \$6,000.00 extension of a \$6,000.00 loan agreement be extended for another five years for the Faith Presbyterian Church of



Anchorage.

The following nominations to the Board of Trustees were made:-

Rev. Victor Alfson  
Elder Ivan Brandon  
Elder Walter Weidmann

Moved, seconded and approved that nominations close and that the clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for these nominees.

Moved, seconded and passed that the corporation meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. Bertram Rutan.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed:- Rev. Paul F. Evans, Clerk

Presbytery convened with the prayer by Rev. Lowell Campbell and the Ministerial Relations Committee Report by Rev. Frank Walkup. The following recommendation was made:-

Moved, seconded and passed, that the name of Rev. Percy Ipalook be stricken from the rolls of Presbytery under the Book of Discipline, Chapter VII, Section 2b, pp 1 (line 3-11) (1956 Edition). In the letter sent to Mr. Ipalook should note that he would be reinstated whenever the cause is rectified. A carbon copy of this letter should be sent to Chaplain John Borneman, Executive Secretary of Chaplains; and Col. Carroll, Adj. General Alaska National Guard, Juneau.

Presbytery unanimously passed that Mr. Boss or Mr. Simpson give the report from the National Presbyterian Men's Meeting in Chicago, at the Summer Meeting of Presbytery.

Island Marriages:- Presbytery's Council recommened that civil marriage ceremonies not be preformed in the church sanctuary. Presbytery did not concur, and the following motion was presented and passed....Civil marriage ceremonies may be performed in the church sanctuaries, with the permission of the church sessions, and that the standards of the Presbyterian Church be followed.

Due Date on PerCapita Assessments:- Moved, seconded and approved that the due date for the PerCapita Assessment be February 1st of the current year. Presbytery ammended this to read March, rather than February; after the discussion the vote was unanimous. \*Page 251, pp 9

Moved, seconded and passed that by-laws ammended to include Permanent Clerk:-

Moved, seconded and passed, that Presbytery proceed to the nomination of the Elder Delegate to Synod. Miss Alice Green was nominated as an Elder delegate to Synod, to be principal. Presbytery moved, second and passed that Miss Green be the principal Elder delegate to Synod.

Elder Horman Turner was nominated as alternate Delegate to Synod as Elder dologate. Nominations ceased and the clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Miss Green as principal and Mr. Turner as alternate Elder Delegate to Synod.

A verbal report of the Stewardship and Promotion Committee was given by its chairman, Rev. Victor Alfson. The report was received, and the following recommendations adopted:-

1. That Presbytery constitute a committee, responsible directly to Presbytery or the Council of Presbytery, to receive requests for validation as Presbytery or Synod causes, and present them for action to the Presbytery.

2. That the following projects be considered immediately by this committee for validation:- (a) Hospitality House, Fairbanks.(B) Arctic Travel Fund of Sheldon Jackson Junior College.(c) Presbytery's Camping Program.

Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Victor Alfson, Chairman.



Moved, seconded and approved that the matter of the formation of a new Committee on Budget be referred to Presbytery's Council.

Presbytery recessed for coffee at 9:05 P.M. and following coffee convened with prayer by Elder Walter Weidman.

The Report of the Committee of Finance and Audit was given by its chairman, Rev. Arthur French, with the following recommendations:-

The treasurer's books were reviewed and found in excellent condition, for which the treasurer is to be commended.

The recommendations are:-

1. That the Eskimo Churches seeing their ecclesiastical duty will pay the PerCapita Assessment to Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly.
2. That Presbytery pay 6¢ per mile to and from the stated meetings of presbytery and authorized committee meetings, as the most reasonable first-class mileage rate. If the delegates shall come by railroad, then he shall be reimbursed for his fare, via pullman if necessary.
3. That there be one elder representative to the Annual Spring Meeting of Presbytery from Barrow, Gambell, Savoonga and Wainwright, that each station be represented at least once in four years alternately, that a roster of Elder delegates from these stations be prepared in the order of their representation, that the Missionary Pastor's of Barrow, Gambell and Wainwright; and the Commissioned Church Worker or Missionary Pastor of Savoonga have annual representation at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, that the roundtrip fare of these delegates be paid in full by presbytery from point of origin to presbytery and return to home station, and that if there be a deficit the Board of National Missions be requested to give assistance to the extent of one half the cost, which shall not exceed \$500.00, subject to the approval of the Board of National Missions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Arthur French, Chairman  
Rev. Neil Munro  
Rev. William Wartes  
Rev. John Stokes  
Elder Dick Cotter  
Elder Walt Weidman  
Elder Paul Greiman  
Elder Jack Hummel

Presbytery moved, seconded and passed that this report be received and its recommendations adopted.

Presbytery moved to reconsider the matter of Budget and Finance Committee, the formation of which was left to Presbytery's Council. Passed. The motion was again put to the Presbytery and lost, due to the fact that the motion was superfluous since it was already cared for in recommendation 13 of the Committee on Outreach and Evangelism. (See page 6 of this mimeographed report).

The Moderator proceeded to name the committee as follows:-

Rev. Paul F. Evans, Rev. Lowell Campbell, Elder Paul Greiman, Elder Walter Weidman and the Treasurer of Presbytery Winston Laughlin

The matter of Layworkers attendance at General Assembly was referred to the Council of Presbytery.

Presbytery unanimously voted that should a United Presbyterian be elected as Moderator of the General Assembly, Dr. J. Earl Jackman should be requested to represent us as inviting the Moderator of General Assembly to come to Alaska for



our next Spring Meeting; the inviting to be done by Dr. Jackman at the earliest possible date.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures was given by Rev. Frank Walkup, Chairman. Two overtures from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh were recieved, and the voting was as follows:-

Overture I - to concur.

Overture II- to concur.

Presbytery moved, seconded and passed that this report be received.

The Report of the Sessional Records Committee was given by its chairman Rev. Joseph Heckel Jr.

The Sessional Records approved without exception were:-

First Presbyterian Church, Fairbanks; Utkeagvik Presbyterian Church, Barrow; Savoonga; Woodland Park, Spenard; Gambell; Wasilla and Big Delta, Faith Presbyterian, Anchorage.

The Sessional Records approved with exceptions were:-

University Community, College; First Presbyterian, Anchorage; and Railbelt.

No Sessional Records received for perusal for:- Hillcrest, Anchorage; Wainwright or Palmer United Protestant.

Presbytery moved, seconded and passed that this report be received.

Presbytery moved seconded and passed that Council consider this Committee on Sessional Records as a Standing Committee of Presbytery.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions and History, was divided into two sections because of the recommendations offered:- The Committee on History made the following recommendations:-

1. That Mrs. B.J. Bingle be asked to prepare a history of the Yukon Presbytery.
2. That the Scrap Book prepared by Mrs. B.J. Bingle be put into the hands of the Stated Clerk.

Rev. Frank Walkup, Chairman  
Rev. Brian Cleworth  
Rev. Cecil Moore

Presbytery moved, seconded and passed that this report be received and its recommendations adopted.

The recommendations, as follows were given under "Resolutions".

1. That Presbytery convey its thanks to the following persons for service rendered to the Presbytery.

Dr. Harold Martin, Moderator of the General Assembly  
The Host Church and its Pastor

Dr. Herbert Doran, Leader in Church Officer Training.

Anchorage Churches being hosts to Church Officer Training.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary for Board Work in Alaska.

Board of National Missions for naming the MV Anna Jackman.

2. That letters be sent to the following for their help with the Railbelt ministry:-

Rev. B.J. Bingle for his untiring ministry.

Mr. J.H. Lloyd, General Manager, Alaska Railroad

Mr. Max Kirkpatrick and Mr. Albert C. Swalling, Suntrana Mine.

Mr. Emil Usibelli, Usibelli Coal Mine

Mr. Duane Jacobs, Superintendent, Mt. McKinley National Park

Mr. John Bassler, CAA Station, Summit, Alaska

Rev. Cecil Moore, Chairman

Rev. Frank Walkup

Rev. Brian Cleworth



Presbytery moved, seconded and passed that this report be received and its recommendations adopted.

Presbytery moved seconded and passed that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Board of National Missions acknowledging the express honor given to Mrs. J. Earl Jackman in naming the new mission boat after her, and that the original letter be sent to Dr. Herman Morse and the carbon to Mrs. Jackman.

Moved, seconded and passed, that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Manager of the Matanuska Electric Association for the use of their facilities during this meeting of presbytery.

The Report of the Social Education and Action was presented at this time, and as follows:-

The matter of liquor control:-

1. That the Alaska Presbytery be asked to concur that the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Work in Alaska be commissioned to make contact with the denominational heads of the Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches of Alaska, to get an expression of intent and willingness for action, in the area of liquor control laws in the Territory of Alaska.
2. That the findings of the Assistant Secretary be submitted to the Alaska Association of Churches and to the presbyteries and the congregations for discussion and action.
3. That a letter be sent immediately by the Assistant Secretary to the Alaska Association of Churches to find their intent of action in the field of liquor control.
4. In the event that the Alaska Association of Churches takes no action by the June meeting, that the Yukon Presbytery with the Alaska Presbytery secure legal advice to prepare changes in the liquor laws of the Territory for presentation to both presbyteries for discussion and approval.
5. Upon approval by the Presbyteries, the changes will be presented to the Liquor Control Board by our attorney, and at the same time be sent to all churches and congregations for discussion and action by the local community.
6. That the attorney so employed, be retained to act on the floor of legislature as a lobbyist representing presbytery's desires for adequate liquor control laws, and that the stipend be determined by the Council of Presbytery.
7. That these recommendations be conveyed to Alaska Presbytery by Rev. Dr. R.R. Armstrong for concurrence and immediate action.
8. That if these recommendations are fulfilled, that the results be published and sent to each member of the legislature.
9. That the Committee on Social Education and Action explore the possibility of a conference of interested laymen under leadership of the Department of Social Education and Action of our church.

By a unanimous action these recommendations were received and adopted.

A Resolution on Statehood for Alaska was presented as follows:-

Believing that action favorable to the admission of Alaska to full status as a state is long overdue, and believing that the will of Alaskans has been expressed in favor of admission to the sisterhood of States, and further believing that the vast majority of Americans believe in statehood as a just and righteous cause, we therefore, Presbyters of the Presbytery of Yukon meeting in session at Palmer,



Alaska on the eleventh day of April, 1958 petition the Congress of the United States of America to seek an immediate review of plans for our admission as a state and speed the day of our joining hands with the other 48 states.

Be it further resolved that this action be transmitted at once to the President of the United States of America, the President of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and to Delegate E.L. Bartlett, plus the heads of the Rules Committee of each house of Congress.

The recommendation was unanimously adopted.

Presbytery moved, seconded and passed that the stated clerk write Delegate E.L. Bartlett commending him on his presentation of bill HR-11386.

Presbytery recommended that the figure .001 be used as presbytery's participation and .001 be the church's ~~participation~~ financial responsibility in Alaska Association of Churches; that \$50.00 be paid immediately toward Presbytery's responsibility. Passed.

Presbytery moved, seconded and passed that the spring meeting of Presbytery be held in conjunction with the Alaska Association of Churches meeting in Anchorage in April 1959.

The matter of Dr. Polhemus of Synod being invited to attend the Spring Meeting of Presbytery was referred to the Council.

Rev. Neil Munro, Moderator elect, was called to the front by the <sup>retiring</sup> Moderator Rev. Lowell Campbell, who presented him with the gavel.

Presbytery adjourned at 11:25 P.M. with the prayer and benediction being given by the Moderator elect, Rev. Neil Munro.

Respectfully submitted

Signed:-

Winston Laughlin

Permanent Clerk

Attest:-

Rev. Paul F. Evans

Stated Clerk